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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 v.

14 CR 534 (JSR)

5 HARVEY NEWKIRK,

6 Defendant.

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8 New York, N.Y.
9 December 1, 2015
9:50 a.m.

10 Before:

11 HON. JED S. RAKOFF,

12 District Judge
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1 (In open court; jury not present)

2 THE COURT: Bring in the jury, please.

3 Defendants Exhibits 573, 391 and 240 are excluded both
4 on the grounds that they open the door to the 404(b) and also
5 on relevance grounds; but if defense counsel wants to make a
6 record, you can do so at the next break.

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: Okay.

8 (In open court; jury present)

9 THE COURT: Please be seated.

10 So, ladies and gentlemen, welcome back. Thank you for
11 your promptness, which is utterly disgusting and it puts me to
12 shame. In all seriously, I had another matter I had to deal
13 with this morning. I really appreciate your promptness. It is
14 very helpful to the Court.

15 As you know we are now going to sit full days except
16 on Friday. I am hopeful we'll complete the case this week, but
17 we'll talk about that.

18 Counsel.

19 MS. CHAUDHRY: Thank you.

20 CROSS-EXAMINATION

21 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

22 Q. Good morning.

23 Mr. Darden, you've entered into a cooperation
24 agreement with the government; correct?

25 A. Yes, ma'am.

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1 Q. And even though you admit to lying repeatedly in the past,
2 you told the jury that you're telling the truth now; right?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. And last week you sat in that chair and you lied about the
5 crime that you served three and a half years for; isn't that
6 true?

7 A. I don't believe so.

8 Q. You don't believe so.

9 Were you asked this question and did you give this
10 answer:

11 "Q. Can you briefly describe the crime that resulted in the
12 prison sentence?

13 "A. Sure. So basically I lied to my employers and
14 misrepresented the amount of -- the amount of money I had made
15 the previous year in order to induce them in order to gain, I
16 guess, a higher signing bonus or forgivable loan at my next
17 employer."

18 Were you asked those questions and you give those
19 answers?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. Is that still your testimony?

22 A. It is.

23 Q. In fact, that is only three counts of the five counts you
24 pled guilty to in 2005; isn't that true?

25 A. I wasn't aware there were five counts. I thought there

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1 were three counts. But what I said was not a lie so...

2 Q. It was not a lie?

3 A. It was not a lie.

4 Q. What you described was lying to your employers; correct?

5 A. That's correct. That's not a lie.

6 Q. Your prior guilty plea, that was in court; correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. It was under oath; correct?

9 A. Yes, it was.

10 Q. And you actually pled guilty to following counts:

11 Count One: Grand larceny the first degree in the
12 county of New York during the period July 7th, 2003 through
13 October 20th, 2003, you stole exactly \$3,185,520 from your
14 former employer AIC.

15 Did you plead guilty to that?

16 A. I did.

17 Q. Count Two: Larceny in the second degree, during the period
18 February 4th 2003 and April 29th, 2003, you stole from your
19 former employer Wachovia Securities \$632,480.

20 You pled guilty to that; correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Count Three: Grand larceny in the second degree during the
23 period April 1st, 2001 through July 27, 2001, you stole
24 property from your former employer Smith Barney Citigroup
25 \$344,208.

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1 That's correct; right?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. And you also pled guilty to Count Four: Grand larceny in
4 the second degree, which is during the period June 1st, 2003
5 through and including September 19th, 2003, you stole money
6 from a former client Catherine Aldridge in the amount of
7 \$570,000.

8 You plead guilty to that also; right?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. You also pled guilty to Count Five, which is a scheme to
11 defraud. April 1st, 2001 through April 1st, 2004, you engaged
12 in a scheme constituting a systematic ongoing course of conduct
13 with the intent to defraud more than one person and to obtain
14 property from more than one person by false and fraudulent
15 pretenses.

16 You pled guilty to that; correct?

17 A. I did.

18 Q. As part of your guilty plea to the scheme to defraud, under
19 the scheme you admitted that you stole the money from your
20 employers and that you did this by fraudulently inducing each
21 of them to hire you, give you substantial loans and by
22 increasingly misrepresenting and exaggerating your production
23 and book of business as well as your list of clients from your
24 previous jobs.

25 That was your guilty plea; correct?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And you also admitted during your plea allocution that you
3 supported those false claims by your past performance as a
4 broker by submitting to each new employer financial documents
5 and business records of the previous employer that you altered
6 and you fabricated.

7 You pled guilty to that; correct?

8 A. That is also correct.

9 Q. And you admitted during your guilty plea that part of your
10 fraud against AIC was promising AIC that you would take that
11 three million dollars and that you would pay back Wachovia but
12 instead you kept the money; correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And you used that money entirely for personal consumption;
15 correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. And you also pled to stealing from at least eight investors
18 between 2001 and 2004; correct?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. And these investors were your clients; correct?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. You were a broker; correct?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. And those eight investors were first Catherine Aldridge;
25 correct?

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1 A. When you say first, was she one --

2 Q. Number one is Catherine Aldridge, right, the 87-year-old
3 woman?

4 A. I don't know -- I don't know her age. I am sorry.

5 Q. You don't know her age?

6 A. I never met her.

7 Q. You never met her?

8 A. I never met her.

9 Q. Her age was discussed at your plea allocution, wasn't it?

10 A. I don't remember my plea allocution, ma'am.

11 Q. We'll get that for you.

12 Another of your victims was the rapper Nelly that you
13 stole \$950,000 from; correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Another victim you stole 480,000 from; correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Another victim you stole \$200,000 from; correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. If you would like to refresh your recollection your
20 transcript is in front of you in the notebook at Defense
21 Exhibit 602.

22 A. I didn't say I didn't say it or it didn't happen. I jut
23 said I don't recall it. I don't need to look at it. I will
24 take your word for it.

25 THE COURT: No. No. Counsel can't testify, but I

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1 don't think it is material.

2 Move on.

3 Q. From Latrell Sprewell \$300,000; correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. From another victim you stole \$390,000; correct?

6 MR. ADAMS: Objection. 403, cumulative.

7 THE COURT: No. Overruled.

8 Q. Is that correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And from another victim you stole \$50,000; correct?

11 A. I believe so.

12 Q. From the eighth victim you stole \$100,000; is that correct?

13 A. I believe so.

14 Q. And during your plea you admitted that you did that by
15 telling them that their money was going to be invested in
16 various investments for their benefit when in fact you
17 personally -- you used personally most of their money to
18 purchase luxury items for your own benefit and to pay back your
19 own debts. You admitted that; correct?

20 A. If I admitted that, then that is correct.

21 Q. Did you admit that, sir?

22 A. I don't remember. But if I did, then that is --

23 Q. Sir, I ask you to look at Defense Exhibit 602, page 8,
24 lines 10 through 16.

25 A. Okay. That happened. I just don't recall every single

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1 minute of my allocution at this point, but that is fine. Yes.

2 Q. You served three and a half years in prison for this;
3 correct?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. Your testimony is you don't recall what you did that made
6 you go to prison?

7 THE COURT: Sustained.

8 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

9 Q. At your allocution you admitted that the total theft from
10 all of your victims was \$7,211,600; correct?

11 A. Sounds correct.

12 Q. When you interviewed with these firms that you got jobs
13 with and then stole money from, these were in-person
14 interviews; correct?

15 A. They were.

16 Q. And you met with various people, let's say, at Merrill
17 Lynch; correct?

18 A. I did.

19 Q. You sat in front of them and spoke to them face-to-face;
20 correct?

21 A. Yes. It was in-person.

22 Q. You lied to them about your education; correct?

23 A. I did.

24 Q. And you told them that you had certain clients that you did
25 not have; correct?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. To their faces; correct?

3 A. Yes. It was in-person.

4 Q. You said you had at least 21 UPS executives who were your
5 clients; correct?

6 A. I don't remember the amount, but that sounds correct.

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1 Q. You told them that your clients were Shaquille O'Neal;
2 correct?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. That was a lie?

5 A. It was.

6 Q. Angela Bassett; correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. That was a lie?

9 A. It was not.

10 Q. Angela Bassett was your client?

11 A. Yes, she was.

12 Q. Samuel L. Jackson?

13 A. No.

14 Q. No what?

15 A. He was not my client.

16 Q. But you told them he was, right?

17 A. I don't recall, but okay. If I did, that certainly was not
18 the case. That was not true that he was my client; he was not
19 my client.

20 Q. You told them that Star Jones was your client; correct?

21 A. Yes, I did.

22 Q. Star Jones is someone whose wedding you attended; correct?

23 A. I did.

24 Q. But she was not your client?

25 A. Not -- well, I had done things for Star Jones, but she was

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1 not my client while I was at -- that was a little bit
2 ambiguous, but no.

3 Q. And you told them that Snoop Dogg's production team was
4 your client; correct?

5 A. I don't believe so. I don't know anything about Snoop
6 Dogg's production team.

7 Q. You don't believe so.

8 When you left Merrill Lynch for Smith Barney, again,
9 you interviewed with Smith Barney in person; correct?

10 A. I did.

11 Q. You sat down across from them and met with them, right?

12 A. I did. It was in person.

13 Q. And you had dinners with them?

14 A. I don't recall dinners, but okay.

15 Q. Again, you sat there face-to-face and lied to them about
16 your clients, right?

17 A. I did.

18 Q. You handed them documents that were completely fabricated
19 by you; correct?

20 A. It was.

21 Q. You just handed them to them and said, These are true.

22 Correct?

23 A. I don't know that I handed them to them and said, These are
24 true; but I guess that was the premise, so I would agree with
25 that.

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1 Q. You did discuss your production numbers; correct?

2 A. I'm sure.

3 Q. And they were completely made up by you, right?

4 A. They were.

5 Q. You sat there face-to-face and told them, These are true.

6 A. That's true.

7 Q. Based on that, Smith Barney gave you a \$344,000 loan,
8 right?

9 A. Yes, ma'am.

10 Q. And then when you went to Wachovia, again, you met with
11 them in person, right?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. You interviewed with various people at Wachovia, right?

14 A. Yes, ma'am.

15 Q. You told them about your book of business, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Which was lies; correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You described your clients; correct?

20 A. I'm sure.

21 Q. That was lies?

22 A. It was.

23 Q. You gave them false documents that you completely
24 fabricated; correct?

25 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. You sat there face-to-face and told them that these are all
2 true, right?

3 A. Sounds about right.

4 Q. You told them that your commission was a million dollars,
5 right?

6 A. I don't remember the exact number, but that sounds correct.

7 Q. But it was actually only \$78,000, right?

8 A. That sounds about right too.

9 Q. You sat there face-to-face with them and said, Yes, I got a
10 million dollars of commission last year, right?

11 A. Sounds about correct.

12 Q. And they, after meeting with you, hired you and gave you
13 \$632,000, right?

14 A. Yes, ma'am.

15 Q. Six months later you joined AIC, a hedge fund in Canada,
16 right?

17 A. Not a hedge fund, but, yes, I did join AIC.

18 Q. That is owned by a billionaire named Michael Chin Lee;
19 correct?

20 A. At the time.

21 Q. And to get that job, you met with Mr. Chin Lee; correct?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. You met with him in person?

24 A. I did.

25 Q. And you told him face-to-face about your production;

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1 correct?

2 A. I did.

3 Q. And that was all lies?

4 A. It was.

5 Q. You told them in person-to-person about your book of
6 business; correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And that was all lies?

9 A. Yes, it was.

10 Q. You promised to deliver him Shaquille O'Neal, right?

11 A. I don't remember exactly who I said, but it was -- I'm sure
12 it was the same list that you just previously mentioned. I
13 don't remember exactly what I said.

14 Q. And that list was all a lie, wasn't it?

15 A. It wasn't all a lie. Like you just said, Angela Bassett
16 was a lie, but that wasn't a lie. So it was not all a lie, but
17 it was greatly exaggerated.

18 Q. Nelly the rapper was a lie, right?

19 A. It was not.

20 Q. Nelly the rapper was your client?

21 A. Yes, he was.

22 Q. And you stole money from him?

23 A. I did.

24 Q. You showed him a Smith Barney printout of your production
25 numbers that you completely created, right?

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1 A. And Michael Lee-Chin and Nelly.

2 Q. Michael Lee-Chin.

3 A. I did.

4 Q. And you pretended at that time that you had \$732 million in
5 assets under management, right?

6 A. I don't remember that, but it sounds correct.

7 Q. You discussed these fake assets with him; correct?

8 A. I did.

9 Q. None of your celebrity clients came with you to AIC, did
10 they?

11 A. I don't believe so.

12 Q. The only person from UPS who came with you to AIC was your
13 father, right?

14 A. I don't know that to be true. I'm not sure.

15 Q. Based on all this, Mr. Chin Lee did hire you, right?

16 A. He did.

17 Q. After believing your lies?

18 A. He did.

19 Q. And he gave you \$3 million?

20 A. He did.

21 Q. At some point he asked for his money back, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Instead of giving it back, you went on a trip to Vegas,
24 right?

25 A. I don't remember going on a trip to Vegas after he asked

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1 for the money back. But I've been to Vegas several times so I
2 can't say when exactly I went.

3 Q. You went on a trip to LA, right?

4 A. I went on several trips to LA so I'm not sure exactly what
5 you're referring to.

6 Q. And Fort Lauderdale?

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. And you put a down payment on a \$200,000 shark aquarium for
9 your mansion?

10 A. I did.

11 Q. All during this time that you were defrauding your
12 employers and stealing from your clients, you spoke to your
13 parents twice a day on the phone, didn't you?

14 A. I don't know about that.

15 Q. Did you speak to them regularly?

16 A. Regularly.

17 Q. This 87-year-old woman, you told her that you are going to
18 invest her money in real estate, right?

19 A. I did not. I never spoke to her. Never met her.

20 Q. You took her money and you put it --

21 A. Are you referring to Catherine Aldridge?

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. I never met her.

24 Q. You put her money as a down payment for the mansion you
25 made yourself in Long Island, right?

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1 A. I don't -- I'm not quite sure, but okay.

2 Q. Where did you get the money for the down payment for your
3 mansion?

4 A. I don't remember.

5 Q. All of this money that you stole, the seven million that we
6 discussed, that went to yourself; correct?

7 A. The seven million? Okay.

8 Q. And with it you bought a mansion in Long Island?

9 A. I did.

10 Q. And you had a Lamborghini?

11 A. I did.

12 Q. And a Mercedes?

13 A. I did.

14 Q. And a Porsche Turbo?

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. You don't remember?

17 A. I don't.

18 Q. You don't remember if you had a Porsche in your garage?

19 A. I've had a couple, so I don't know at what point, when I
20 had the Porsche, but okay.

21 Q. You had a \$200,000 grand piano?

22 A. I don't think I had a \$200,000 grand piano, no, I don't
23 believe so.

24 Q. Did you have a grand piano?

25 A. I did.

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1 Q. And you had mink rugs in the house that you built?

2 A. I'm not -- I don't know. I'm not sure. May -- very well
3 possible.

4 Q. \$200,000 worth of art in the house that you built?

5 A. Probably.

6 Q. And you had this \$200,000 aquarium filled with sharks in
7 the house that you built, right?

8 A. I did.

9 Q. You were sentenced -- aside from Catherine Aldridge, who
10 you say you've never met, all these other people who we
11 discussed you met in person, right?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. And you sat there face-to-face talking to them about your
14 lies, right?

15 A. Yes, ma'am.

16 Q. Just like you're sitting here face-to-face with me right
17 now.

18 THE COURT: Sustained.

19 Q. When you were sentenced, you said, You guys can expect
20 great things from me. You know, I made a vow to God to be a
21 better person and I'll be a better person. And nothing like
22 this will ever happen again. And I make the same vow to the
23 Court today.

24 You said that; correct?

25 A. Unfortunately, I did.

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1 Q. What we just discussed of making these lies and stealing
2 the money and using it for yourself, that's the truth of what
3 happened, right?

4 A. Yes, ma'am.

5 Q. You were given a sentence of four to 12 years, right?

6 A. I was.

7 Q. Which means that you were up for parole in three and-a-half
8 years, right?

9 A. Yes, ma'am.

10 Q. And you did not want to be in jail, right?

11 A. Nobody wants to be in jail.

12 Q. You did not want to be in jail, did you?

13 A. Absolutely not.

14 Q. So you lied to the parole board during your hearing to get
15 out of jail, didn't you?

16 A. I don't believe so.

17 Q. You don't believe so.

18 On August 8, 2008, you had a hearing in front of the
19 parole board; correct?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. You told the parole board that the reason you stole all
22 this money is because you were being blackmailed by a dangerous
23 drug dealer; isn't that correct?

24 A. Probably so.

25 Q. And that the reason you stole this money is because you

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1 were trying to pay this drug dealer back; correct?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. But in truth, you stole all this money and squandered it on
4 yourself?

5 A. Partly in truth.

6 Q. You lied to the parole board to get out of jail, right?

7 A. I did not lie.

8 Q. You're saying it's the truth that you were being
9 blackmailed by a drug dealer and that's why you did all of
10 this?

11 A. I'm saying that that was not a lie; so what I said was the
12 truth, yes, ma'am.

13 Q. Even though you pled guilty to all of these things we
14 discussed and squandering the money on yourself?

15 A. Yes, ma'am.

16 THE COURT: Sustained.

17 Q. Your entire hope of cooperating here -- sorry.

18 After your parole hearing, you were released on
19 parole, right?

20 A. I was.

21 Q. What day was that?

22 A. I'm not sure of the exact date.

23 Q. Was it September of 2008?

24 A. That sounds correct.

25 Q. Have you been back to jail since then?

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1 A. I have.

2 Q. What was that for?

3 A. For this, for the maximum parole.

4 Q. Once you got out of jail, you were on parole, right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How long were you on parole?

7 A. Couple of years.

8 Q. You don't remember?

9 A. I don't remember the exact length, no.

10 Q. Your entire hope of cooperating here and testifying is so
11 that you don't have to go back to jail, right?

12 A. I do not want to go back to jail, no.

13 Q. In fact, according to you, you wouldn't go back to jail for
14 any amount of money; correct?

15 A. According to -- I'm sorry, I don't know that I understand
16 the question. Can you repeat it please.

17 Q. You told your father that you would not go back to jail for
18 any amount of money; isn't that correct?

19 A. I don't remember telling him that. That sounds correct
20 though.

21 Q. Mr. Darden, I'd like to show you -- and just you -- what's
22 been marked for identification as DX 241.

23 Do you see it in front of you?

24 A. I do.

25 Q. What is DX 241?

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1 A. It's an email that I sent to my father.

2 Q. From your real email address?

3 A. Yes, I sent it.

4 Q. To his real email address?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What is the date of that email?

7 A. November 29th, 2012.

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, at this time I offer DX 241
9 into evidence.

10 MR. ADAMS: Objection. Hearsay.

11 THE COURT: I think it comes in for impeachment
12 purposes.

13 Overruled.

14 (Defendant's Exhibit 241 received in evidence)

15 MS. CHAUDHRY: Would you please publish DX 241 for the
16 jury please.

17 Q. Mr. Darden, this is an email from you to your father,
18 November 29, 2012; correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we blow up the top paragraph
21 please.

22 All right. I will read from it.

23 Q. Mr. Darden, the first paragraph says: Dad, I saw your text
24 message. I'm not really sure where to start, but I guess I'll
25 start with the situation with Bobby. No, that money has not

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1 come in. This is not the first time you've accused me or
2 insinuated that this money has already come in and I'm
3 withholding it and being deceitful. But given some of the
4 things I've done in the past, I can understand that.

5 The bottom line is that Bobby and the other guys that
6 he's put me in contact with are all drug dealers. He used/uses
7 his store in the Diamond District as a front. I didn't know
8 this when I first started dealing with him, but that's
9 certainly the reality.

10 That being said, I don't even like being remotely
11 involved in the situation nor do I like being around any of the
12 people he associates with. I don't even like being around
13 Rich, because he's a drug dealer too. Not only is there money
14 in the garage, but there are drugs too. That's the problem. I
15 don't even go into the garage because I don't like jail and
16 won't go back for any amount of money. That's why Rich is
17 doing everything.

18 That is your statement; correct?

19 A. It is.

20 Q. And you go on to say that you don't tell your father the
21 whole story because you don't want him involved and you don't
22 want him to have knowledge of anything; is that correct?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Mr. Darden, it's a fact that all the lies you told for your
25 prior conviction were for money; correct?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. All the lies that you told since you got out of jail for
3 the frauds you've been committing have also been for money,
4 right?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. According to you, according to the email I just read, not
7 going to jail is more important than money, right?

8 A. Not going to jail is more important than money, okay.

9 Q. Is that true?

10 A. Is it true that I said -- that's correct.

11 Q. Is that true that that's how you feel?

12 A. That not going to jail is -- that's correct. That sounds
13 about right.

14 Q. Your sole purpose of testifying here is that you're hoping
15 not to go back to jail, right?

16 A. The sole purpose. Well, I don't know about the sole
17 purpose, "sole" meaning only, but that is certainly a big
18 reason.

19 Q. Mr. Darden, last week you sat in that chair and you told
20 this jury that it was Harvey Newkirk's idea to use the name
21 Calvin R. Darden Senior; correct?

22 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

23 Mischaracterizes.

24 I can address it further at sidebar if need be.

25 THE COURT: What page and line?

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1 MS. CHAUDHRY: Transcript 854, starting line 15 going
2 to the bottom of the page, continuing on 855, line 1 to 9.

3 THE COURT: All right. Just one moment.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: And I was just about to read it.

5 THE COURT: I'm sorry, 664?

6 MS. CHAUDHRY: Sorry. 854, eight-five-four, starting
7 at line 15.

8 (Pause)

9 THE COURT: No, I think it's ambiguous.

10 Sustained.

11 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

12 Q. Last week you testified as follows:

13 "Q. During the course of the Maxim deal, when, if ever, did
14 you discuss with Mr. Newkirk the use of that initial R in the
15 name Calvin R. Darden Senior?

16 "A. There was a point in the middle, not sure of the date,
17 where we talked about my father does not have a middle initial,
18 only I have a middle initial. So it would create ambiguity or
19 possibly provide a cover for my father in the event that, you
20 know, something happened.

21 "Q. Was it your preference to use Calvin R. Darden Senior or
22 some other name when signing documents?

23 "A. That was my preference.

24 "Q. And during the Maxim deal, who raised the issue of using
25 this ambiguous name?

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1 "A. Harvey raised it.

2 "Q. In what circumstance did you want to use that false name?

3 "A. Again, to create ambiguity in the event that something
4 happened. It would basically provide my father cover as he
5 doesn't have a middle initial, so Calvin R. Darden Senior
6 really doesn't exist."

7 Were you asked those questions, did you give those
8 answers?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. When you said "middle of the deal," when was that?

11 A. I don't know the exact point.

12 Q. When would you say the deal began?

13 A. In July of '13.

14 Q. Would you agree that it was after July of '13?

15 A. I would.

16 Q. I'd like to show you -- and just you -- DX 507 for
17 identification.

18 Do you recognize this?

19 A. I do.

20 Q. What is it?

21 A. It's a document to the gentleman in Taipei, Taiwan.

22 Q. And is it from you?

23 A. It is.

24 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, I offer DX 507 into
25 evidence.

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1 MR. ADAMS: Objection, your Honor.

2 I'd request a quick sidebar at this point.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Come to sidebar.

4 (At the side bar)

5 THE COURT: Just so I'm clear, is it the defense
6 contention that this is a document actually signed by the
7 witness?

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: Yes.

9 THE COURT: Let me hear from the government.

10 MR. ADAMS: Thank you, your Honor.

11 So I expect that the next couple of questions will be
12 about the Calvin R. Darden signature on a pre-Maxim document.

13 The full story behind the discussions between
14 Mr. Darden Junior and Mr. Newkirk regarding the use of this
15 document actually extends back into the boxing deal, that's the
16 origin of the decision to use this, which is why I phrased my
17 question that Ms. Chaudhry just read as, "During the course of
18 the Maxim deal, did you discuss the use of this name."

19 But that would be our position that if we're going to
20 get into things that do not have to do with the Maxim deal and
21 conspiring to use the same ambiguous name that would, at the
22 very least, open the door to asking questions about the origin
23 circumstances --

24 THE COURT: All right.

25 So I think what you're saying is it opens the door.

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1 MR. ADAMS: Yes, sir.

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, this is the NBA fraud that
3 he pled guilty to that has nothing to do with Mr. Newkirk.
4 This is a document he sent on his own. Mr. Newkirk is not
5 anywhere on this.

6 THE COURT: What they are saying is that if your
7 contention is that he lied in the testimony you just read
8 because he suggested -- although, as I indicated, I thought it
9 was ambiguous. But if it's your suggestion that he came up
10 with this name prior to the Maxim deal and therefore it was his
11 idea, not Mr. Newkirk's idea, or Mr. Newkirk had no knowledge
12 of it prior to that or no involvement or whatever you want to
13 argue from that, then the government says that opens the door
14 to their showing that, in fact, according to them, Mr. Newkirk
15 and Mr. Darden Junior hatched the use of that name in
16 connection with the boxing fraud. So that's why they are
17 saying it opens the door.

18 So I think that at least -- I don't know if it opens
19 the door to everything about the boxing deal, but it certainly
20 opens the door to one of the main reasons I kept it out, which
21 was that I thought there was too much potential for prejudice
22 and confusion in getting into the details of that entire deal.
23 But here you leave them with no choice because they have to
24 rebut the implications that you're arguing from 507. So it's
25 really your choice.

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1 MS. CHAUDHRY: My question would be when the
2 government -- thank you, your Honor -- says that Mr. Newkirk's
3 involvement with this began -- because I have other documents
4 with this and I can probably predate it.

5 MR. ADAMS: I'm not sure what you mean by "this."

6 THE COURT: When do you say he started using -- the
7 witness started using the name Calvin R. Darden Senior?

8 MR. ADAMS: I believe as early as the boxing deal
9 through the NBA fraud and through this fraud.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can you give me a date of when you
11 think that Mr. Newkirk was involved in --

12 THE COURT: I'll tell you what.

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: Move on?

14 THE COURT: You can come back to this after you've
15 seen their date, if you want to revisit it. For now I'm going
16 to sustain the objection, unless you want to open the door.

17 MS. CHAUDHRY: Never.

18 THE COURT: But assuming you don't want to open the
19 door, right, I'll sustain the objection, but subject to being
20 revisited after you get the dates from them at the next date.

21 MS. CHAUDHRY: Thank you.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

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1 (In open court)

2 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

3 Q. Mr. Darden, last week you testified about Merrill Lynch
4 proof of funds letters. Do you remember that?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. You testified that these letters are signed by Roderick A.
7 Jones.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. But that's actually your signature?

10 A. It is.

11 Q. That you were forging his name on all these documents?

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 Q. And that none of them are real?

14 A. Not one.

15 Q. In fact, when the government executed a search warrant in
16 your house after the arrest, they found reams of Merrill Lynch
17 letterhead in your house; correct?

18 A. I don't know. I wasn't there.

19 Q. Did you have reams of Merrill Lynch letterhead in your
20 house?

21 A. No idea.

22 Q. You have no idea.

23 Is it possible?

24 A. Certainly possible.

25 Q. You had the originals of all these fake Merrill Lynch

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1 letters in your house; is that correct?

2 A. Original. I mean, no, I don't know that I had an original
3 at my house; it's something that I just kind of pull it
4 offline. So I had an original in my house, I wouldn't
5 necessarily agree with that, but --

6 Q. You signed these documents yourself, right?

7 A. I did.

8 Q. With a pen?

9 A. I'm sure.

10 Q. And then you scanned them in?

11 A. That sounds -- we scan them in.

12 Q. You scan them into your computer to email them out, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And so the version that you created in your house that you
15 signed with a pen was in your house, right?

16 A. I don't know that. I'm not sure. Like I said, I wasn't
17 there. I'm not sure what they got from my house, but that
18 sounds fully possible.

19 Q. You testified about a letter last week that was addressed
20 to Harvey Newkirk, right?

21 A. Okay. I don't know -- did I address a letter -- okay.
22 Which letter?

23 Q. The question was: "This letter is addressed at the top to
24 Harvey K. Newkirk. Whose idea was it to address the document
25 to Mr. Newkirk?

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1 "A. Harvey."

2 Were you asked that question, did you give this
3 answer?

4 A. I did, yes.

5 Q. Is that still your statement?

6 A. Absolutely.

7 Q. I'd like to show you -- and only you -- what's been marked
8 as Defense Exhibit 468.

9 Have you reviewed it?

10 A. I have.

11 Q. What is it?

12 A. It's a same Merrill Lynch letter addressed to Barbara,
13 Barbara Laurence.

14 Q. And the first page of that? Is that an email from you?

15 A. It is.

16 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, I offer Defense 468 into
17 evidence.

18 MR. ADAMS: Objection. 608(b).

19 THE COURT: I'm sorry? Objection?

20 MR. ADAMS: Under 608 as extrinsic evidence;
21 impeachment.

22 THE COURT: Overruled.

23 Received.

24 (Defendant's Exhibit 468 received in evidence)

25 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can you please put up Defense 468 for

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1 the jury.

2 Q. This first page is an email from yourself to yourself on
3 Friday, May 31st, 2013; correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. The subject is Merrill Lynch letter; correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. This is one of the letters that you wrote that you signed;
8 correct?

9 A. It is.

10 Q. The attachment just says "scan," right?

11 A. Yes, ma'am.

12 Q. Now, we're looking at the attachment.

13 This is a letter that you wrote on Merrill Lynch
14 letterhead; correct?

15 A. I did.

16 Q. On May 31st, 2013?

17 A. I did.

18 Q. It is addressed to Ms. Barbara Laurence and Mr. Seth
19 Kenigis. Am I pronouncing that right?

20 A. Sounds about right.

21 Q. That's Starbright Media at 11111 Biscayne Boulevard;
22 correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And the salutation begins Ms. Laurence and Mr. Kenigis;
25 correct?

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1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And this is a proof of funds letter, fraudulently written
3 by you, but going to be from Roderick A. Jones; correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. Who is Barbara Laurence?

6 A. Somebody that was helping me with the deal.

7 Q. Barbara Laurence is actually somebody that you hired to
8 help you with the Maxim deal, right?

9 A. She wasn't paid.

10 Q. You did have a contract with her; correct?

11 A. She wasn't paid.

12 Q. Did you have a contract with her?

13 A. Very well possible. I'm not sure.

14 Q. And she was somebody working with you on the Maxim deal?

15 A. She was.

16 Q. She was also helping you look for other possible media
17 deals at the same time, right?

18 A. She was.

19 Q. Including a deal with *Fuse*?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. This letter that you wrote says that: Regarding the
22 potential acquisition of a cable television network by
23 Mr. Darden's company, Reign Entertainment, Mr. Darden and Reign
24 Entertainment have sufficient business and -- thank you --
25 personal assets as well as committed funds to execute a

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1 transaction in excess of \$200 million.

2 Correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. You were the one who addressed this letter to Ms. Laurence
5 and Mr. Kenigis; correct?

6 A. I did.

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: You can take that down.

8 Q. Last week you testified about the personal financial
9 statement that you completed; correct?

10 A. I did.

11 Q. This is a personal financial statement that you completed
12 on behalf of your father, right?

13 A. I did.

14 Q. You completely made up all the numbers in there, right?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. You did that so that this personal financial statement
17 could be sent to potential investors so that you could buy
18 *Maxim Magazine*, right?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. You testified that Mr. Newkirk sent you that form, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. I'd like to show you what's been marked as Defense Exhibit
23 566.

24 A. I'm sorry, which number?

25 Q. 566.

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1 Do you recognize it?

2 A. I mean I don't -- I recognize it as I see exactly what it
3 is.

4 Q. What is it?

5 A. It's a working group list.

6 Q. For? For the Maxim transaction?

7 A. It is.

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, I offer 566 into evidence.

9 MR. ADAMS: No objection.

10 THE COURT: Received.

11 (Defendant's Exhibit 566 received in evidence)

12 Q. Mr. Darden, this is a --

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: Go to the second page please. I'm
14 sorry, back to the first page.

15 Q. This is an email from Ryan Brown at Houlihan Lokey sent
16 October 8th, 2013; correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. It's sent to a number of people, including
19 cdarden@thereigninc; correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And that would be you?

22 A. It is.

23 Q. Also on this list is Mr. Newkirk; correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. And also on this list are the lawyers from Bodman; correct?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. That's who was representing the Maxim group?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Correct?

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we can turn to the next page please.

6 Q. It's entitled Project Beta Closing and Transaction Working
7 Group List, October 8th, 2013.

8 Correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we could please --

11 MR. ADAMS: I'm sorry. Objection.

12 Mischaracterizes, misreads the title of the document.

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: What did I say? I'm sorry, you're
14 right. It says "Closing and Transition." My apologies.

15 Could we please see the next page.

16 Q. This lists all the people who are going to be part of the
17 teams; correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we can go to the next page.

20 These are people from Alpha Media Group.

21 The next page please.

22 This is the contact information for the Cerberus
23 people.

24 The next page please.

25 Q. This is the page for the Darden Media contact people;

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1 correct?

2 A. Some, yes.

3 Q. Yes.

4 Barbara Laurence is number two on this; correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Under it is listed her company, Starbright Media; correct?

7 A. It is.

8 Q. She was one of your advisers on the Maxim transaction, was
9 she not?

10 A. She was.

11 Q. I'd like to show you 560 and 561 please. That's
12 five-six-zero.

13 Do you recognize these?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. What are they?

16 A. Emails from Barbara to Harvey attaching a personal
17 financial statement.

18 Q. And these emails were later forwarded to you; correct?

19 A. They were.

20 Q. I'd like to show you 559 and 563. I'm sorry, we'll just
21 look at 563.

22 Do you recognize 563?

23 A. I do.

24 Q. What is 563?

25 A. It is an email from Harvey to me attaching a personal

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1 financial statement.

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 563 into evidence.

3 MR. ADAMS: No objection.

4 THE COURT: Received.

5 (Defendant's Exhibit 563 received in evidence)

6 Q. At the bottom of this email is the email from Barbara
7 Laurence to Mr. Newkirk dated September 27th; correct?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. 2013?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. That's correct?

12 And the top of it is Mr. Newkirk forwarding you
13 exactly her email; correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. There's an attachment, the personal financial statement
16 form, valleybank.xls; correct?

17 A. That's correct.

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we see the attachment please.

19 Q. This is the personal financial statement that you ended up
20 completing, right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. So it actually went from Barbara Laurence to Harvey Newkirk
23 to you; correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. I'd like to show you 562.

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1 Do you recognize 562?

2 A. I do.

3 Q. What is 562?

4 A. An email from me -- I'm sorry, from Harvey to me attaching
5 a filled-in personal financial statement from Barbara.

6 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 562.

7 MR. ADAMS: No objection.

8 THE COURT: Received.

9 (Defendant's Exhibit 562 received in evidence)

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can you please publish 562. Thank you.

11 Please don't blow it up.

12 Q. At the bottom this is an email from Barbara Laurence to
13 Harvey Newkirk, same day, September 27th, 2013; correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Subject: To see if this works. Correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And that email is forwarded by Mr. Newkirk to you the same
18 day; correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. There's nothing written on top, is there?

21 A. There is not.

22 Q. He just forwards the same attachment, which is Barbara
23 Laurence personal financial statement revised and then a bunch
24 of numbers; correct?

25 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. The subject is Personal Financial Statement Example One.

2 Right?

3 A. Yes.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we could please see the attachment.

5 Q. This is a completed amended personal financial statement of
6 Barbara Laurence and Lynn Welshman; correct?

7 A. It is.

8 Q. And this is what Mr. Newkirk sent you; correct?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. He sent it to you as it was forwarded to him by your
11 adviser Barbara Laurence, right?

12 A. That's correct.

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: We can take it down please.

14 Q. Mr. Darden, last week you testified that Mr. Newkirk was
15 promised the position of chief -- COO of Maxim; correct?

16 A. I believe I said president or COO.

17 Q. What is the COO?

18 A. Chief operating officer.

19 Q. So you recall testifying saying: We talked about him being
20 the president or chief operating officer for the magazine.

21 Correct?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. That is still your testimony?

24 A. It is.

25 Q. There were a lot of employment letters drafted by Bryan

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1 Cave for Maxim, right?

2 A. There were.

3 Q. And you testified that you were the one who signed them
4 all; correct?

5 A. I did.

6 Q. I'd like to show you Defense Exhibit 519.

7 Do you recognize it?

8 A. I do.

9 Q. What is it?

10 A. It's an email from -- I'm not sure who it's from, but to
11 Harvey's assistant that attaches the employment packets.

12 MS. CHAUDHRY: At this time I offer Defense Exhibit
13 519 into evidence.

14 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

15 401. This witness isn't on this email.

16 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, he did sign the attachment
17 on the first page.

18 THE COURT: I don't understand the relevance, but if
19 you want to make a proffer at sidebar, I'll hear you.

20 (Continued on next page)

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1 (At the side bar)

2 THE COURT: So what's the relevance?

3 MS. CHAUDHRY: This is the actual employment letter to
4 the COO that was already the general counsel and COO of Maxim
5 that he signed. This is the offer letter made. He's saying
6 that Mr. Newkirk was --

7 THE COURT: He's saying what?

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: That Mr. Newkirk was going to be the
9 COO. And this is like a 15, 20-page employment letter that he
10 signed making that offer to somebody else.

11 THE COURT: I see.

12 MS. CHAUDHRY: And there is no employment letters or
13 offers of any written to Mr. Newkirk.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Maybe I misunderstood.

15 Now that I hear the proffer, what's your objection?

16 MR. ADAMS: Just to the email, your Honor. He
17 recognizes the underlying documents, that's fine. But he's not
18 on this email; he can't recognize this email.

19 THE COURT: Oh, well --

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: I'm happy to redact.

21 THE COURT: Just redact that.

22 MS. CHAUDHRY: Yes.

23 THE COURT: Okay. Good.

24 Received.

25 MS. CHAUDHRY: It's going to be the same employment

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1 agreement for Ben Madden.

2 MR. ADAMS: Same issue.

3 THE COURT: Yes, yes. So you'll make the appropriate
4 redactions. With that understanding, they will be received.

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Now, roughly how much longer do you have?

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: I will go into the beginning of the
8 afternoon session.

9 THE COURT: Okay. So around 11:15 we'll give the jury
10 a break then.

11 MR. HARRIS: May I just have this document?

12 THE COURT: Excuse me?

13 MR. HARRIS: Just on this document --

14 THE COURT: Oh, it's yours.

15 MR. HARRIS: No, it's my understanding that Ms. Tornay
16 is going to be testifying this afternoon, so I think the
17 document can come in anyway.

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: He said it does.

19 MR. HARRIS: Okay. Fine.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: It's just the email.

21 THE COURT: Yes.

22 MR. HARRIS: Thank you.

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1 (In open court)

2 THE COURT: With the redactions indicated at the
3 sidebar, 519 is received.

4 (Defendant's Exhibit 519 received in evidence)

5 THE COURT: I should explain, ladies and gentlemen,
6 when you get the exhibits, all of which will be sent to you
7 during your deliberation, some of them will have things blacked
8 out. That's usually because either it's personal information
9 or people that have nothing to do with this case or something
10 else that's totally irrelevant to your consideration. So don't
11 worry about that if you see blackouts in various documents.

12 Go ahead, counsel.

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: Thank you.

14 If you could publish this starting at page 2, not page
15 1. Thank you.

16 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

17 Q. Mr. Darden, this is the employment letter that you signed;
18 correct?

19 A. It is.

20 Q. That is your signature at the bottom?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. You signed it as yourself; correct?

23 A. I did.

24 Q. And as an authorized representative?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Dated October 15th, 2013?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. It's addressed to Mr. David Simcox; correct?

4 A. It is.

5 Q. In the first paragraph you are offering him employment with
6 the Darden Media Group; correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. This is a letter for him to have a job with Maxim after you
9 acquire Maxim; correct?

10 A. Not long after.

11 Q. When you acquire Maxim, this is the employment letter for
12 that; correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. The third paragraph says: Your initial position will be as
15 chief operating officer/general counsel to perform duties as
16 assigned by the company. You will initially be paid a salary
17 at the rate of \$250,000 per year, and it goes on.

18 Correct?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Mr. Simcox was already the general counsel of Maxim;
21 correct?

22 A. He was already, yes. He was not going to be going forward,
23 but he was at that point in time.

24 Q. You signed this engagement letter; correct?

25 A. I did.

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1 Q. And sent it to him; correct?

2 A. I did.

3 Q. He signed it, right?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. That's right.

6 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we could please see GX 144, which I
7 believe is in evidence, page 6. If we could please flip
8 through some of these pages.

9 Q. These are all employment letters that you signed on behalf
10 of Maxim, right?

11 A. I did sign them, yes.

12 Q. Thank you.

13 There is no employment letter for Mr. Newkirk, is
14 there?

15 A. No, there is not, no.

16 Q. His name -- and he never signed an employment agreement
17 with Maxim, did he?

18 A. No, he didn't, because we hadn't acquired it yet, right.
19 But so that was something that was going to come after the
20 acquisition was complete.

21 But all of these people that I signed these letters
22 for, they were all getting fired, with the exception of like
23 one or two, because their severance packages were too large for
24 us to assume. So we're signing them. I don't remember the
25 legal reasons behind it, but they weren't going to stay, so we

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1 were replacing everybody.

2 Q. So your testimony is that you signed all of these
3 employment letters which are offer letters, right?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. And you sent them to these people; correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. You did this before closing, right?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. You did that with the intent of firing all of these people?

10 A. Absolutely.

11 No, not all of them. With the exception of a couple.
12 I don't remember exactly, but there were a couple that if they
13 didn't get brought over in acquisition, you were going to have
14 to pay them an outrageous sum of money. With the exception of
15 those, like, one or two people, everybody else was --

16 Q. Who were those one or two people?

17 A. I don't remember exactly who they were.

18 Q. You don't remember --

19 A. I know like Ben Madden was one of them.

20 Q. Ben Madden was one of them. Great.

21 I'd like to show you DX 520.

22 Do you recognize this?

23 A. I do.

24 Q. What is it?

25 A. An offer letter to Ben Madden.

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1 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer DX 520 into evidence.

2 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

3 Relevance.

4 THE COURT: It's not totally irrelevant. But under
5 the circumstances, its marginal relevance, if any, would be
6 outweighed by the fact that it's cumulative.

7 Sustained.

8 Q. Mr. Madden was offered the job of president; correct?

9 A. He was.

10 Q. And he was already the president, right?

11 A. He -- well, yes, he was.

12 Q. And you just testified that he's one of the people that was
13 not going to be fired, right?

14 A. But if I'm not mistaken, his position couldn't be -- like
15 we had had this discussion. His position couldn't be below
16 something, I don't remember exactly what it was, right. So we
17 were going to -- so the way that we had it structured, so, one,
18 there was a holding company where we were going to have
19 officers at this holding company. Then the Maxim level was
20 here. So if we couldn't -- again, I don't remember exactly
21 what his employment contract or -- you know, what it said for
22 him coming over in an acquisition, but it's not necessarily
23 true that he would have maintained or stayed on as president.

24 But we also talked about --

25 MS. CHAUDHRY: Objection.

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1 Nonresponsive. Move to strike. And hearsay.

2 THE COURT: No, no, no. I think it was fairly
3 responsive, but I think it's gone far enough.

4 Put another question.

5 Q. You said you don't recall exactly the offer that was made
6 to him?

7 A. No. When I said -- well, one, I don't recall the offer
8 that was made to him. But I was referring to whatever the
9 terms of his contract for if and when Maxim got bought out,
10 what he was going to be entitled to. I don't remember the
11 terms, the exact terms of that.

12 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, at this time I offer
13 Defense Exhibit 520.

14 THE COURT: Under these circumstances, I will receive
15 it.

16 (Defendant's Exhibit 520 received in evidence)

17 MS. CHAUDHRY: Please publish 520. Thank you.

18 Q. This is a draft letter dated October 10th, 2013; correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. It is addressed to Mr. Ben Madden; correct?

21 A. It is.

22 Q. Starts "Dear Ben," right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Says: It is our pleasure to offer you employment with the
25 Darden Media Group.

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1 And then it goes on to say: The company agrees to
2 employ you and you agree to be employed by the company as
3 president, which employment will only become effective upon the
4 closing of the sale transaction.

5 Is that correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. The second paragraph says: You will initially be paid a
8 salary at a rate of \$425,000 per year.

9 Correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. That is the offer that was made to Mr. Madden; correct?

12 A. It is.

13 Q. That was the term of his employment; correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. I'd like to show you page 3 of Government Exhibit 144.

16 That is your signature on the employment agreement
17 with Mr. Madden; correct?

18 A. Yes, ma'am.

19 Q. It was consistent with the letter we just read; correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Mr. Newkirk is not named in this letter as a president of
22 Maxim, is he?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Mr. Darden, last week you were shown Government Exhibit 637
25 and 638. 637 was a signature you did for the Comvest letter of

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1 intent. Do you remember that?

2 A. I do.

3 Q. 638 was also a signature you did for the letter of intent;
4 correct?

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. You testified that the reason that you signed it twice is
7 because the Comvest people insisted it be signed by your
8 father; correct?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. And you were asked how long -- you were asked this question
11 and you gave this answer: "From the time that you sent
12 Mr. Newkirk the first version of this document to the time that
13 you sent him this version, approximately how much time had
14 past?

15 "A. It wasn't a lot. It was probably minutes."

16 Right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. That was your testimony?

19 A. It was.

20 Q. Is that still your testimony?

21 A. It is.

22 Q. I'd like to show you GX 637 please.

23 The middle of this page is the email that you sent him
24 with the first signature; correct?

25 A. I'm sorry. Am I looking at one here or am I turning here?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 I see the emails that begin forward message and the time.

2 Q. They are the same. What's on the screen and your book are
3 the same.

4 A. What's your question? I'm sorry.

5 Q. The time that you signed the first one, it says November
6 8th, 2013, 5:33 a.m.; correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we show 638 please.

9 Q. This time in the middle is your signature; correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. The time that you sent the second signature is November 8,
12 2013 at 6:26 a.m.; correct?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. That is seven minutes shy of an hour, right?

15 A. It is.

16 But, I'm sorry, your question -- you're asking me is
17 is that when I sent it to -- so the testimony I gave last week
18 and -- I'm a little bit confused.

19 You're asking when I sent -- these are when I scanned
20 it to myself. I scanned one, sent it to myself at five
21 whatever a.m. The next one I scanned at 6:26, scanned it to
22 myself at 6:26. So I'm not sure if that's exactly referring to
23 what I testified to last week. I'm not really sure because I
24 think it's kind of two different things.

25 Q. How much time past between your two signatures?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Oh, so, like you said, it was about an hour between the two
2 signatures.

3 Q. Mr. Darden, I want to talk --

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can you please take that down.

5 Thank you.

6 Q. I want to talk to you about the basketball fraud that you
7 pled guilty to in connection with your testimony today.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. Isn't it a fact that at the same time that you were running
10 this Maxim fraud you were also running your basketball fraud?

11 A. I believe the basketball thing was before, but it could
12 very well be at the same time. It sounds about right.

13 Q. And in the NBA fraud -- is it okay if I call it "the NBA
14 fraud"?

15 A. Of course.

16 Q. You were impersonating your father, right?

17 A. I was.

18 Q. You were emailing people as your father?

19 A. I was.

20 Q. You were calling people and pretending to be your father?

21 A. The NBA fraud. At times probably.

22 Q. That's the guy in Taiwan, Melvin; correct?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. You called and spoke to Melvin and pretended to be your
25 father?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. No, when I spoke to Melvin, I was myself.

2 Q. You did sign documents on behalf of your father in that;
3 correct?

4 A. I'm sure.

5 Q. You testified that this was all done without the knowledge
6 of your father, right?

7 A. That -- I testified that what exactly was done without the
8 knowledge of my father?

9 Q. Impersonating him.

10 A. Yes, that was done without his knowledge.

11 Q. Emailing as him.

12 A. Yes, that's correct.

13 Q. Signing as him.

14 A. Of course.

15 Q. Mr. Darden, as part of your cooperation, you've met with
16 the government over 15 times; correct?

17 A. I'm not sure of the amount, but that -- I wouldn't be
18 surprised.

19 Q. One of those meetings was on May 21st, 2014; correct?

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. Is that correct?

22 A. I'm not sure of the exact date, but I'll take your word for
23 it.

24 Q. On that date you told the government that in the beginning
25 of your NBA fraud, your father knew and approved of you

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1 impersonating him; correct?

2 A. I don't recall that.

3 Q. You don't recall that.

4 I'll get that for you in a second.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. As part of your fraud on Melvin from Taiwan, you told him
7 that you met with Jim Dolan of the Knicks, right?

8 A. Probably.

9 Q. And you pretended that Jim Dolan was involved in the NBA
10 deal, right?

11 A. I'm sure.

12 Q. You never met Jim Dolan, right?

13 A. Never.

14 Q. He was never involved?

15 A. Never spoke to him, never met him, nothing ever.

16 Q. And you took \$500,000 from Melvin; correct?

17 A. Yes, ma'am.

18 Q. You said that it would be refunded if the deal fell
19 through?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. You told him that you'd met with Isiah Thomas; correct?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. Did you meet with him?

24 A. I did not. I did speak to him; I didn't meet him.

25 Q. That money that Melvin gave you, the \$500,000, you spent

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 all of it on personal items; correct?

2 A. Probably, yes.

3 Q. Many of them are luxury items?

4 A. Probably.

5 Q. You had a bank account with Merrill Lynch for Reign;
6 correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. That is where the money went from Melvin?

9 A. I don't -- I don't remember.

10 Well, initially --

11 MS. CHAUDHRY: Objection.

12 And I withdraw. I'll ask another question.

13 THE COURT: All right. Put another question.

14 Q. Did the money from Melvin ultimately end up in an account
15 controlled by you?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Was that an account that was at Merrill Lynch?

18 A. Yes, I believe so.

19 Q. Did anyone else use that account?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Mr. Darden, with the money that was in the Reign Merrill
22 Lynch account, you spent \$20,000 towards the purchase of a new
23 Porsche; correct?

24 A. Probably.

25 Q. You spent a couple thousand dollars at a place called

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1 Westchester Puppies; correct?

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. Is that true?

4 A. I don't -- yes, I'm -- sure.

5 Q. If you'd like, it's in evidence, 297, in front of you. I
6 can tell you the line I'm reading from.

7 You also spent several thousand dollars at Christian
8 Louboutin, the women's shoe store; correct?

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. You also went on vacation to Puerto Rico; correct?

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. And there you did a kayaking adventure; correct?

13 A. Sure.

14 Q. And you were on a golf trip, right?

15 A. I don't golf, so probably not.

16 Q. Did you stay at a golf resort?

17 A. I don't remember. Been to Puerto Rico 20 times.

18 Q. You also sent a bunch of money to the Mercedes dealership;
19 correct?

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. Because after you got out of jail, you had a Mercedes,
22 right?

23 A. Immediately after? No.

24 Q. At some point.

25 A. At some point, yes.

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1 Q. How many Mercedeses did you have?

2 A. I don't know; two, three.

3 Q. Can you tell us what they were?

4 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

5 403.

6 THE COURT: Sustained.

7 Q. Were all of those cars bought with money you'd stolen?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Where did you get the money to buy these cars?

10 A. First got out of jail I got a couple \$100,000 from my
11 father; I had a couple \$100,000 in the bank; I sold some
12 watches; I sold some art. So I had some money. So all the
13 money that I bought a car was not from stolen money.

14 Q. Those were watches and art that you had bought from your
15 previous fraud; is that right?

16 A. Not necessarily, no.

17 Q. Mr. Darden, when you were convicted the first time, you
18 were also ordered to pay restitution, right?

19 A. I was.

20 Q. And you were ordered to pay all of those people every dime
21 that you took from them back, right?

22 A. I was.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

2 Q. And you just said you sold some art and watches to buy
3 yourself a car; is that right?

4 A. Yes, I did.

5 Q. With the money that was in the Merrill Lynch Reign account
6 you also wrote several checks to your wife Suhine Pedrosa?

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. For over \$15,000?

9 A. Sounds about right.

10 Q. Now, Mr. Darden, I want to go back to where you said you
11 don't recall if you told the government that on May 21st, 2014
12 that in the beginning of the MBA fraud that your father knew
13 and approved of your impersonating him.

14 MS. CHAUDHRY: I would like to approach, your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 THE WITNESS: Thanks.

17 Q. Mr. Darden, I draw your attention to the second red flag
18 towards the bottom of the page. When you met with the
19 government was somebody taking notes?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Have you read the part that is marked with the second red
22 flag?

23 A. Just now, yes.

24 Q. Does that refresh your recollection that on May 21st, 2014
25 when you met with the government, you told them that in the

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1 beginning of the MBA fraud your father knew and approved of you
2 impersonating him?

3 A. Does it refresh my recollection? No, it does not.

4 Q. Did you in fact tell them that?

5 A. I don't believe so.

6 Q. Thank you.

7 A. You're welcome.

8 Q. Mr. Darden, one of the lies you've told as part of your
9 many frauds is that your father has cancer; is that correct?

10 A. Is that one? That is not a lie, no.

11 Q. Your father does have cancer?

12 A. He does.

13 Q. But you have told lies about other parts of his health;
14 right?

15 A. I am sure, yes.

16 Q. Do you love your father?

17 A. I do.

18 Q. Have you seen your father recently?

19 A. I have.

20 Q. When is the last time you saw him?

21 A. In Atlanta when I went down for a friend's funeral.

22 Q. You have not seen him since then?

23 A. I don't believe so.

24 Q. Have you spoken to him since you went down to Atlanta?

25 A. I have.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 Q. How often do you speak to him?

2 A. I mean, I call him probably every day. I don't speak every
3 day, but I try to call him every day.

4 Q. He is not in the hospital for cancer treatment right now,
5 is he?

6 A. No, he is not.

7 Q. Nor has he had a stroke?

8 A. No, he has not.

9 Q. I would like to show you Defense Exhibit 503, and just you.

10 Do you recognize 503?

11 A. I do.

12 Q. What is it?

13 A. It's an e-mail from me to a gentleman named Rich Lauck of
14 Performance Media.

15 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 503 into evidence.

16 MR. ADAMS: Objection. 403 and it's extrinsic
17 evidence.

18 THE COURT: Well, I am going to receive it, but I
19 think we're beginning to verge on two problems. One is
20 cumulativeness and the other is the 608 issue.

21 So keep that in mind, counsel.

22 MS. CHAUDHRY: Sure.

23 If we can publish.

24 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

25 Q. This is an e-mail to you from Rich Lauck.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 Who is Rich Lauck?

2 A. He is the father of another gentleman that was a
3 father-in-law of another gentleman that was involved in the
4 Maxim deal.

5 Q. This e-mail pertains to the Maxim deal, doesn't it?

6 A. It does.

7 Q. It is dated January 6, 2014?

8 A. It is.

9 Q. In the top you are writing to Mr. Lauck; correct?

10 A. I am.

11 Q. And you are writing as yourself?

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 Q. You are not pretending to be your father there?

14 A. No, ma'am.

15 Q. You say, "Good morning, Rich. I am sorry for the delay in
16 getting back to you. The only hold up is that I actually need
17 my father's involvement. My father had knee replacement
18 surgery over a month ago. Then as a result of that surgery, he
19 had a blood clot that caused a stroke. He has been improving
20 but has spent a lot of time in the hospital."

21 Your father did not have a stroke; correct?

22 A. He did not have a stroke. No, he did not.

23 Q. At the time that this was sent, January 6, 2014, your
24 father was not even speaking to you; right?

25 A. No, he was not.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 Q. And this is a lie that you were telling Rich Lauck to delay
2 paying him back; correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. And Rich Lauck is someone that you stole \$175,000 from as
5 part of the Maxim deal; correct?

6 A. Yes, that's correct.

7 Q. He sent the money directly to you at your Merrill Lynch
8 Reign account; correct?

9 A. He did.

10 Q. And you spent that money on yourself; correct?

11 A. Okay. I don't -- I don't -- I really don't recall.

12 Q. You never returned his money, did you?

13 A. No, I did not.

14 Q. You made several lies to Mr. Lauck about this case; right?

15 A. I am sure.

16 Q. Did you do that on the phone also?

17 A. I did.

18 Q. And Mr. Newkirk is not copied on this e-mail, is he?

19 A. On this e-mail, no.

20 Q. And last week you didn't tell the jury about stealing the
21 \$175,000 from Mr. Lauck, did you?

22 A. No.

23 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, we'll take our
24 midmorning break at this time, a 15-minute break, and we'll see
25 you in 15 minutes.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 (Jury excused)

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 (In open court; jury not present)

2 THE COURT: You may step down. We'll see you in 15
3 minutes.

4 (Witness excused)

5 THE COURT: Please be seated.

6 So I have accorded the defense at great liberty in
7 going into sort of peripheral impeachment matters because this
8 is obviously a very important witness; but given the witness's
9 admissions as to the various kinds of lies he has told
10 repeatedly over a period of time, I think further specific
11 examples would be cumulative unless they directly relate to the
12 Maxim deal.

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: Without introducing the document, may I
14 request -- there are a variety of lies and they get more and
15 more brave. May I ask --

16 THE COURT: Within limits, yes, but you won't spend
17 more than 15 minutes on that.

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: I only have two more pages on that.

19 THE COURT: In that case 10 minutes.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: I shouldn't have said that.

21 THE COURT: 15 minutes is fine. We'll see you in 15
22 minutes.

23 THE DEPUTY CLERK: All rise.

24 (Recess)

25 THE COURT: Let's get the witness back on the stand.

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1 (In open court; jury present)

2 THE COURT: Please be seated.

3 Counsel.

4 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

5 Q. Mr. Darden, please look at Defense Exhibit 491.

6 Do you recognize it?

7 A. I do.

8 Q. What is it?

9 A. It's an e-mail from me to Melvin Yin, a gentleman in
10 Taiwan.

11 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 491.

12 MR. ADAMS: Objection. 404, 403, 608(b).

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

14 Q. As part of your MBA fraud, you tell Melvin in Taiwan that
15 your father was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer, didn't you?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. You said he was going to have surgery; correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. None of those things are true?

20 A. Both of those are true.

21 Q. That he has bone marrow cancer and he had surgery?

22 A. Multiple myeloma. He had to have surgery to -- something
23 to do with the cells, like a cell transplant. Something like
24 that.

25 Q. And that was October of 2012?

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1 A. I don't know exactly when it was.

2 Q. You were telling the truth to Melvin there?

3 A. I told you the truth just now. I don't remember exactly
4 what was happening at that point in time. My father does have
5 multiple myeloma and he did have surgery for it.

6 Q. He had surgery how many times?

7 A. I believe it was once.

8 Q. The next year, October of 2013, you told Melvin that your
9 father was having surgery again, didn't you?

10 A. Probably.

11 Q. And that was a lie?

12 A. I don't know what I told him he was having surgery for. So
13 if you can show me something. I am not sure. My father had
14 two knee replacement transplants. One of them could have been
15 talking about that. If I said he was having surgery related to
16 cancer, then that would be a lie.

17 Q. Would you like to look at DX 492?

18 A. Not especially. Would you like me to?

19 Q. I would like you to.

20 A. Okay.

21 Okay.

22 Q. You told Melvin in October of 2013 that your father had to
23 have surgery for cancer again; correct?

24 A. I am sorry. Where is that? I just don't see that. That's
25 all.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 Q. That's okay. We can move on. Now I want to talk to you
2 about --

3 THE COURT: Let me see the exhibit, please.

4 Come to side bar.

5 (At the side bar)

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1 THE COURT: So after our discussion the very first
2 thing you did was to offer an exhibit, which I sustained their
3 objection to even though we had just discussed that we were
4 going to put a stop to it and you were just going to ask him
5 about his various lies. I don't understand why you did that.

6 Then you go on and in your next colloquy with him you
7 ask him whether he told a lie about his father having surgery.
8 Something that you've already previously established in any
9 event through numerous prior questions and exhibits. And when
10 he says, Well, if I told a lie about my father having surgery
11 then that would be a lie. Then of course he invited you to put
12 something in front of him, but what you put in front of him,
13 which I don't think you should have done in any event given my
14 ruling, doesn't say something about whether it is surgery or
15 not.

16 So what was your basis for that last question?

17 MS. CHAUDHRY: Actually the top of it says, My father
18 had to have surgery again.

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: But then the chain is talking --

21 THE COURT: Your question to him is did you tell him
22 having looked at this exhibit that your father had to have
23 surgery for cancer. It doesn't say that.

24 MS. CHAUDHRY: That doesn't say it, but the chain does
25 say it. He keeps telling him my father has cancer. That is

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1 why I let it go to answer your first question.

2 THE COURT: Let me just make clear.

3 MS. CHAUDHRY: I am moving on.

4 THE COURT: I gave you 15 minutes, which will be
5 strictly enforced to ask questions. These are all repetitive
6 and they are all cumulative but because of your desire to go
7 through that two pages of additional lies, that is fine, but
8 not with exhibits. Just put the questions.

9 MS. CHAUDHRY: That's fine. I am sorry. I actually
10 misunderstood it is only two pages I will let you. I thought
11 you said I could show the two documents. My bad. I thought
12 that is what you had said.

13 THE COURT: No problem.

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C.R. Darden - cross

(In open court; jury present)

BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

Q. Mr. Darden, I want to ask you about the fake physician's affidavit you created in this case.

Do you remember testifying it about that last week?

A. Yes.

Q. This is an affidavit that you created to be from your father's actual doctor; right?

A. I did create the affidavit, no. But, yes, it was supposed to be from my father's physician, yes.

Q. Were you asked this question and did you give this answer:

"Q. When you prepared the final version of it, where were you?

"A. I was in Atlanta at Kinkos."

A. I did.

Q. Is that your answer?

A. Yes.

Q. That is where you were?

A. I was.

Q. I want to show you Government 178.

MS. CHAUDHRY: If it is easier, you can put up defense 493. It is the same one. And the second page, please.

We'll ask the government to put up 178.

Q. This is the document that you said that you had faxed from Kinkos in Atlanta; right?

A. I would need to see the next page.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page, please.

2 Q. This is?

3 A. That's a blank copy, yes.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: If you go to the first page.

5 Q. You did this in January of 2014; right?

6 A. Yes.

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we please see Defense 493.

8 Q. Do you recognize Defense 493?

9 A. I do.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: Show him the second page.

11 Q. Do you recognize it?

12 A. I do.

13 Q. What is it?

14 A. The filled out physician's affidavit.

15 Q. The first page of that, is that an e-mail to you from

16 Mr. Newkirk attaching this?

17 A. It is.

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer Defense 493.

19 MR. ADAMS: No objection.

20 THE COURT: Received.

21 (Defendant's Exhibit 493 received in evidence)

22 MS. CHAUDHRY: May I publish it to the jury?

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

25 Q. This is the e-mail that you sent the completed affidavit to

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 Mr. Newkirk with; right?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. It is dated January 27th, 2014 at 10:56 in the morning?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. The subject is signature pages, slash, affidavit, slash,
6 notarized pages; correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. It says, Harvey, please see the attachment. Thanks,
9 Calvin.

10 Correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 MS. CHAUDHRY: The second page if we can see.

13 Q. This is the actual affidavit; correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And this is what you sent to him on January 27th; right?
16 This is what is attached to that e-mail?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Mr. Darden, you got in a fight with your father on November
19 19th, 2013?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. And then you did not speak to your family for two months;
22 correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And --

25 A. I didn't speak to my father. My family, not my father.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 Q. Who did you speak to?

2 A. The other members of my family.

3 Q. Did you speak to your mother?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. On her cell phone or house phone?

6 A. I don't recall.

7 Q. Did you call the house?

8 A. Don't recall. Probably. I really don't know. I spoke to
9 my mother, though. Either on the house phone or cell phone. I
10 don't remember which.

11 Q. The whole time that you were not --

12 A. The whole time -- I don't know what you mean by the "whole
13 time." I spoke to her while I was fighting with my father. I
14 don't know if I spoke to her the whole time. I don't know how
15 to answer that question.

16 Q. Was there a time that you were not speaking to your mother
17 after the fight with your father?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How long was that?

20 A. A week.

21 Q. So at this point you had not spoken to your father for two
22 months, right, when you sent this?

23 A. No. At this point I was speaking to my father.

24 Q. Were you actually in Atlanta when you sent this?

25 A. I was.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 Q. Were you staying with your parents?

2 A. No, I was not.

3 Q. Where were you staying?

4 A. I was staying in a hotel. My parents were not in Atlanta
5 when I was there.

6 Q. Your parents were not in Atlanta?

7 A. They got there the day I left as a matter of fact.

8 Q. Did you see them at all?

9 A. I did not.

10 Q. Did they know you were there?

11 A. They did.

12 Actually, I stayed with my sister.

13 Q. You stayed with your sister?

14 A. I did.

15 Q. You testified that you went and got a notarization in
16 Atlanta because it had to be in Atlanta; right?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Sorry?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. And this physician's affidavit basically says your father
21 is -- sorry. The purpose of this physician's affidavit was to
22 explain to Shane McMahon why your father could not come to New
23 York to meet him; right?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. And your father was not in the hospital at the time; right?

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 A. No, he was not.

2 Q. Nor was he dying of cancer?

3 A. No.

4 Q. And after you faxed this affidavit, did you go back to your
5 sister's house?

6 A. I am not sure. I don't remember if I -- if I went back to
7 her house or not. I really don't remember.

8 Q. Did you speak to her again?

9 A. I am sure.

10 Q. Did you speak to your parents again?

11 A. I spoke to them -- I know I spoke to them the day I was
12 leaving because that was the day they were getting back.

13 Q. Do you remember where they were coming back from?

14 A. I don't.

15 Q. Did you see your grandmother?

16 A. I did not.

17 Q. Had she gone with them?

18 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

19 A. I don't know.

20 MR. ADAMS: Objection, relevance.

21 THE COURT: Sustained.

22 MS. CHAUDHRY: You can take that down, please. Thank
23 you.

24 Q. Last week you testified about your father's role in The
25 Reign Entertainment Group. Do you remember that?

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 A. I do.

2 Q. And you were asked this question and you gave this answer:

3 "Q. Has your father ever discussed with you the possibility of
4 holding an informal position at Reign?

5 "A. Yes, he has.

6 "Q. Can you describe what that position was?

7 "A. So in the event that one the deals closed, you know, that
8 I was going after -- I had spoken to him about -- then he would
9 consider coming on as chairman or some sort of advisory
10 capacity."

11 Did you give those answers?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. That is still your testimony?

14 A. It is.

15 Q. No deal with Reign ever closed, did it?

16 A. It did not.

17 Q. But you were holding your father out as the founder and
18 chairman of the Reign Entertainment Group, were you not?

19 A. I was.

20 Q. You told your father that you were holding him out as the
21 founder and chairman of the Reign Entertainment Group; is that
22 correct?

23 A. No, I did not. I did not explicitly tell him I was holding
24 him out as the chairman and founder of The Reign Entertainment
25 Group. So that is not.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 Q. Did you ever send him e-mails that showed information about
2 The Reign Entertainment Group, in which your father was listed
3 as chairman and founder of The Reign Entertainment Group?

4 A. Probably.

5 Q. I want to talk to you about the contracts of Reign. Last
6 week you testified:

7 "Q. Have you ever used your father's name on contracts
8 associated with Reign's business?

9 "A. I have.

10 "Q. Was that with or without his authorization?

11 "A. That was without.

12 "Q. Was that with or without his knowledge?

13 "A. Without."

14 Were you asked those questions and did you give those
15 answers.

16 A. I did -- I did and I was.

17 Q. Is that still your testimony?

18 A. It is.

19 Q. Now, you told your father about the deals that you were
20 trying to do through Reign; correct?

21 A. I did.

22 Q. You said that you did that because you value your father's
23 opinion; correct?

24 A. It's true.

25 Q. And I would like to show you DX 239.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 A. I have it.

2 Q. Do you recognize it?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. What is it?

5 A. E-mail sent to my father.

6 Q. When?

7 A. Friday, April 27th, 2012.

8 Q. From your real e-mail address to his real e-mail address?

9 A. That's correct.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer Exhibit 239.

11 MR. ADAMS: Objection, 401, 403, 608(b).

12 THE COURT: Sustained.

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, may I approach?

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 MS. CHAUDHRY: I am sorry. At side bar?

16 THE COURT: Yes.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 (At the side bar)

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: Thank you.

3 Your Honor, in this e-mail there are several
4 references to not just what Reign is doing but he refers to
5 "our" lawyer, referring to his dad and The Reign lawyer. He
6 refers to our equity contributions and he refers to various
7 fees that they are going to get and he says, Regarding Kobe
8 Bryant we have already been paid a million dollars. Our
9 attorney will have the contract ready by Monday.

10 THE COURT: Who do you think "our" is a reference to?

11 MS. CHAUDHRY: Him and his father.

12 THE COURT: No. I don't think that is a fair reading
13 of this.

14 MS. CHAUDHRY: Okay.

15 THE COURT: Sustained.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 (In open court; jury present)

2 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

3 Q. We talked about your father's role in the Maxim deal. Your
4 father agreed to help you with the Maxim deal; right?

5 A. To an extent, yes.

6 Q. That was in July of 2013?

7 A. That sounds correct.

8 Q. That was after you had sent him Defense Exhibit 241, which
9 was the e-mail from November 2012; right?

10 A. I don't -- I am sorry. I don't know what e-mail that is.

11 Q. It is in your book, 241.

12 A. If the date is after, then July is after the date that the
13 e-mail was sent. Then, yes. So, yes, after November.

14 Q. That is the e-mail where in the first paragraph you say
15 that you don't always -- I don't ever tell you the -- sorry.

16 MS. CHAUDHRY: It is in evidence.

17 Q. In the first paragraph you say, I don't ever tell you the
18 whole story because I don't want you to -- I don't want you
19 involved on any level nor do I want you to have any knowledge
20 of anything.

21 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we can go to the second page.

22 Q. On the second page of this in the second to last paragraph
23 you say, Dad, I am not trying to take advantage of you and I am
24 not lying to you. I just don't choose to tell you everything.

25 Is that correct?

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 A. Is that correct that is what it says?

2 Q. Yes. That is what it says?

3 A. That is what it says.

4 Q. That was sent in November. To your father in November of
5 2012?

6 A. Sounds correct.

7 Q. In July of 2013 he agreed to help you with the Maxim deal;
8 is that right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. This is the same e-mail where you told him that there were
11 drug dealers in your life; right?

12 A. Yes, I believe so.

13 Q. And that --

14 A. I don't know about in my life. I don't know what you mean
15 by that. You said there are drug dealers in my life. I do
16 know drug dealers, yes.

17 Q. I am asking you about this exact e-mail, the first
18 paragraph.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. It is in front of you.

21 A. Yeah. No, it is not. Go ahead.

22 Q. The book is in front of you.

23 A. No.

24 Q. The first paragraph?

25 A. I see it.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 Q. You refer to drug dealers?

2 A. I just had a problem with the way you posed the question.

3 That was my point. I didn't say -- I didn't see the e-mail. I
4 have a problem with the way you phrased it. That's all.

5 Q. Is it a fact that in this e-mail you tell your father about
6 drugs and drug dealers?

7 A. I did, yes.

8 Q. And you are free to look at that e-mail if you would like
9 to. You are also telling him that you are struggling with
10 money; is that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And that you needed someone to cosign a loan for you
13 because you don't have credit; right?

14 MR. ADAMS: Objection. The document speaks for itself
15 and it is cumulative at this point.

16 THE COURT: Sustained.

17 Q. You testified that he agreed to help you with the Maxim
18 deal to lend credibility; right?

19 A. I did.

20 Q. Last week you told this jury that your father was supposed
21 to be just an advisor on the Maxim deal; is that correct?

22 A. I don't know if I -- just an advisor? I mean if the deal
23 would have got gotten closed -- my father had probably come on
24 as chairman had the deal got enclosed.

25 Q. What does it mean to be chairman?

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 A. Well, it is different. So he wasn't going to be doing
2 anything day-to-day. See, my father was a figurehead. So that
3 is what I meant. He was not going to have CEO or day-to-day.
4 This would be in an advisory capacity and that was the role he
5 would play as chairman.

6 Q. He was going to be chairman and just an advisor; is that
7 what you are saying?

8 A. Yes. That's what I am saying.

9 Q. You met with the government on October 24th, 2014; right?

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. And that day you told the government that your father is
12 behind this deal; right?

13 A. Not sure. That he was behind it at what point? So, again,
14 my father was behind it to a certain extent up to a certain
15 point when he was no longer involved at all. So, yes, he was
16 involved up until a point and then there was a certain point
17 where he was not involved at all in any capacity in any way,
18 shape or form.

19 Q. You told the government that the Maxim deal was announced
20 at your father's church; correct?

21 A. I don't -- so I heard. I wasn't there.

22 Q. That was what you told the government; right?

23 A. I don't remember everything that I told the government, but
24 that may be correct.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 MS. CHAUDHRY: May I approach, your Honor?

2 THE COURT: Yes.

3 Q. Mr. Darden, when you met with the government, there was
4 someone taking notes; correct?

5 A. There was.

6 Q. Have you reviewed what I've handed you?

7 A. I have.

8 Q. Does reviewing that refresh your recollection of whether
9 you told the government that your father is behind this deal;
10 that it was announced at his church, which is The Greater
11 Community Church of Christ, where your father is the deacon;
12 and it was announced that your father is buying Maxim?

13 A. It does to an extent. So like I said, right, so it says
14 Darden Senior is behind this, right. So there was a point in
15 time where he was, there was a point in time in which he
16 wasn't, right. So because it says "Darden Senior is behind
17 this" doesn't mean that it was absolute from beginning to end,
18 right. So I don't know.

19 So this -- I can't -- I'm not going to get all that
20 from just three lines on here. And I'm not even quite sure how
21 accurate the notes are. They are notes, right? So I can't
22 really -- I can't really say.

23 Q. I'll take those from you.

24 But the second part, that it was announced in his
25 church where he's a deacon that he is purchasing *Maxim*

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 Magazine, you recall saying that, don't you?

2 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

3 Calls for hearsay.

4 THE COURT: Sustained.

5 Q. And even though he was only going to be an adviser, you
6 told *The Wall Street Journal* that he's buying Maxim; correct?

7 A. I believe the PR person told -- yes. So -- yes, yes.

8 Q. I'd like to show you Defense Exhibit 238.

9 Do you recognize this?

10 A. I do.

11 Q. What is it?

12 A. It's an email from me to my father; from my real email
13 address to his real email address.

14 Q. What is the date?

15 A. The date is September 22nd, 2013.

16 Q. Does it attach anything?

17 A. It does. It attaches an article from *The New York Times*.

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, I offer Defense 238.

19 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

20 608(b). 403.

21 THE COURT: Sustained.

22 Q. Did you share with him any articles that talked about his
23 purchase of *Maxim Magazine*?

24 A. I did.

25 Q. After that, you met -- you had your meetings in New York;

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1 correct?

2 A. Yes, it was after that, I believe.

3 Q. You used him to gain credibility at those meetings?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. Your statements to the press that your father had bought
6 *Maxim Magazine* are a lie?

7 A. I don't know that I made a statement to the press saying
8 that my father bought *Maxim Magazine*, so -- because he as an
9 individual wasn't buying it; it was the company Darden Media
10 Group, so Darden Media Group or Darden Media Holdings. That's
11 separate from Cal Darden Senior, an individual.

12 Q. Did you see *The Wall Street Journal* article in this case?

13 A. I'm not sure. Probably so. I don't recall it.

14 Q. I'll ask you about that in a second.

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. So after the press says that Darden Media Group, headed by
17 your father, has bought *Maxim*, your father agreed to come to
18 New York, right?

19 A. He did.

20 Q. He agreed to be on phone calls with you; is that correct?

21 A. He did. Yes, ma'am.

22 Q. That's after you had forwarded him articles saying that he
23 bought *Maxim*?

24 A. I'm sure.

25 Q. And he got on a call with Andy Nikou for you; correct?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. That's the guy from Open Gate --

3 A. It is.

4 Q. -- that you needed a loan from?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. And he, in fact, got on two calls with him for you, right?

7 A. Probably so.

8 Q. You say that you're the one who signed all these
9 guarantees, right?

10 A. I did.

11 Q. You forged his name?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. And you made him liable for over \$31 million?

14 A. I did.

15 Q. You testified that you did not believe your father had \$31
16 million; correct?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. So these guarantees, if collected on, would bankrupt him;
19 correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. And you lied to him about all of that, right?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. Even when you were meeting with him in person; correct?

24 A. I did.

25 Q. Every phone call you had with him?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. I don't know about every phone call, but I lied to my
2 father, yes.

3 Q. You did this just so you could have *Maxim Magazine*, right?

4 A. I do it just so I could -- yes.

5 Q. You didn't end up owning *Maxim Magazine*, did you?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Your father has been sued for all of this, right?

8 A. He has.

9 Q. You testified last week that your father did not know about
10 the financing in this case; correct?

11 A. That he did not know about the financing, is that your
12 question?

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. Well, there was no financing, so I don't know how to answer
15 your question. You said he did not know about the financing.

16 Q. Did your father know --

17 A. The lack of financing?

18 Q. Sorry?

19 A. The lack of financing?

20 Q. Did your father know how the Maxim purchase was going to be
21 financed?

22 A. Well, not -- in the beginning -- so it changed, right. So
23 in the beginning I had people lined up that were going to put
24 up money. He was aware. He met with some of them.

25 That didn't happen, right. And then it changed. And

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1 then there were things that he certainly didn't know about.

2 So in the beginning there were certain aspects that he
3 was aware of and that morphed. And then towards the end he
4 didn't know anything about it, right.

5 So it's not a yes-or-no answer. In the beginning,
6 yes; in the end, no. At some point in the middle it changed.

7 Q. What did he know in the beginning?

8 A. So he knew what I told him in that there were certain
9 investors lined up. He had met with a couple of investors that
10 they were talking about putting in equity; it would have been
11 equity deals. In fact, there were two or three that he met
12 with initially. Those did not close for one reason or another.

13 Then when I could no longer get equity for the deal,
14 everybody wanted some sort of collateralized debt. With that
15 collateralized debt, they all wanted some sort of debt that was
16 backed by my father's assets. At that point he didn't know
17 anything about it because he was not willing to do that. So
18 not only was he not willing to do it, he didn't have the
19 capacity to do it. So he didn't know about that.

20 Q. Did you discuss with your father the fact that Darden Media
21 Group was going to secure \$14 million in equity for this deal?

22 A. Yes, I did.

23 Q. And you did that on a conversation that was a phone call
24 with yourself, Brad Reifler of Forefront, your father, and
25 Harvey Newkirk; correct?

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1 A. Repeat that -- what's the first part? Did I do what
2 exactly on a phone call with those individuals?

3 Q. Did you have a phone call that included Harvey Newkirk,
4 Brad Reifler of Forefront, yourself, and your father in which
5 you discuss the fact that Darden Media Group is going to secure
6 \$14 million in equity?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q. I want to ask you about Wally Buran.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. He's your father's friend, right?

11 A. He is.

12 Q. An adviser?

13 A. Mm-hmm. Yes, ma'am.

14 Q. Sorry?

15 A. Yes, ma'am.

16 Q. He's a personal friend of your father's?

17 A. He is.

18 Q. Do you know where he works?

19 A. He has his own firm now. He worked at KPMG for a lot of
20 years.

21 Q. This is someone with whom you spoke about Maxim?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. How long have you known him?

24 A. Years. Long time.

25 Q. He was an adviser to your father in this deal also, wasn't

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1 he?

2 A. No, I'm not going to say he was an adviser to my father.
3 He was an adviser to me on this deal, not my father.

4 Q. Did you send him any of the deal documents?

5 A. I did.

6 Q. What did you send him?

7 A. I know that I sent him the closing docs. But there is a
8 checklist, a closing checklist. I know I sent him that. I'm
9 sure that wasn't the only document though.

10 Q. What else did you send him?

11 A. I don't recall.

12 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

13 Relevance.

14 THE COURT: Sustained.

15 Q. Isn't it a fact that Mr. Buran was eventually added to the
16 list of Darden advisers by Houlihan Lokey?

17 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

18 Relevance.

19 THE COURT: It also sounds like it's hearsay.

20 Sustained.

21 Q. I'd like to show you what's been marked as Defense 568.

22 Do you recognize it?

23 A. I do.

24 Q. What is it?

25 A. It's the closing and transition working group list that you

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 spoke of not too long ago.

2 Q. Is it emails to you?

3 A. I'm cc'd on it, yes.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, I offer this exhibit into
5 evidence.

6 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

7 Relevance.

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, as for relevance, I direct
9 you to page 3 of the attachment.

10 THE COURT: So if you're offering that for its truth,
11 then it's still the hearsay problem.

12 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, what I'm offering it for is
13 that every person that got that email was able to -- was put on
14 notice that this is somebody who's a Darden adviser and has
15 contact information for that person.

16 THE COURT: What's the relevance of that?

17 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, the relevance is that this
18 is Mr. Darden Senior's close friend and personal adviser; and
19 all the people on that email chain are Houlihan Lokey: The
20 buyers, the buyers' lawyers, the sellers, the sellers' lawyers,
21 and everybody involved in the deal.

22 THE COURT: I'm still not understanding the relevance.

23 However, I think the objection was waived by the
24 previous nonobjection to a similar document that was received
25 in evidence, so I will receive it.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 (Defendant's Exhibit 568 received in evidence)

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we please show 568 to the jury.

3 Q. The first page is an email from Ryan Brown of Houlihan
4 Lokey; correct?

5 A. Yes, ma'am.

6 Q. Dated October 9th, 2013, correct?

7 A. It is.

8 Q. And it is written to Ben Madden. That was the president of
9 Maxim, right?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. Dave Simcox, that was the general counsel we talked about?

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 Q. Right. There are several other people, including yourself,
14 with your fake father's address, right?

15 A. That was not -- with my fake -- that was my email address,
16 so yes.

17 Q. That you used to pretend to be your father.

18 A. To some, yes.

19 Q. Wally Buran is one of the people on this email list, right?

20 A. He is.

21 Q. As are Mr. Newkirk and Chaeri Tornay. And they are both
22 from Bryan Cave?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. And Larry Dietch is the next one at Bodman. He's the
25 lawyer for Maxim, right?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And Forrest F. Dillon, he's also the lawyer for Maxim,
3 right?

4 A. Okay.

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we could please flip through the
6 pages. Sorry, can we go back to the page before.

7 Q. This is Project Beta Closing and Transition Working Group
8 List, October 9th, 2013. Correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: And if we could please flip to page 3.

11 Q. Under Darden Media, the people listed, No. 3 is Wally
12 Buran; correct?

13 A. Yes, ma'am.

14 Q. That telephone number and email are information that you
15 provided Houlihan Lokey to add to this list; correct?

16 A. I believe so.

17 Q. And you did forward your father and Mr. Buran the closing
18 task checklist; correct?

19 A. I did.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we please see Defense 331 that is
21 in evidence.

22 Q. This is the email from you to your father, Wally Buran,
23 October 9, 2013; correct?

24 A. It is.

25 Q. Subject is checklist for closing; correct?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. It does.

2 Q. And you're attaching this project beta closing timeline; is
3 that correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we could please turn to the
6 attachment.

7 Q. The very first section, No. 1, extension payment, it says:
8 Complete pledge of 1.5 MM in shares for extension; correct?

9 A. It does.

10 Q. The priority is high; correct?

11 A. It is.

12 Q. The target date is the same date of this email, the 9th of
13 October?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. The last column is in red, which is critical issue
16 identified; correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Mr. Darden, can you please look at Defense Exhibit 216.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. Do you recognize this?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. What is it?

23 A. *The Wall Street Journal* article about the Maxim purchase.

24 MS. CHAUDHRY: I'd offer Defense 216 into evidence
25 please.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

2 Hearsay, relevance, and cumulative.

3 THE COURT: Sustained.

4 Q. Did you see *The Wall Street Journal* article that came out?

5 A. I did.

6 Q. You saw it at the time?

7 A. Yes, I saw it at the time.

8 Q. Did you also see an article in Bloomberg about the sale of
9 Maxim to Darden Media Group?

10 A. Probably. I'm not sure.

11 Q. You testified that you were asked these questions, you gave
12 these answers: "Was your father nevertheless quoted in
13 articles in the press?

14 "A. Yes.

15 "Q. How did the authors come to get quotes from your father?

16 "A. They would send the list of their questions and I would
17 answer the questions back through the PR person."

18 Is that correct?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. But, in fact, you did the interview -- some of the
21 interviews yourself, didn't you?

22 A. Maybe -- I don't remember -- probably -- I don't -- I can't
23 say no. I don't remember. But --

24 Q. *The Wall Street Journal* article you did; correct?

25 A. I don't remember if I did it. I believe the PR person did

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 it, but I could be wrong. I'm not 100 percent sure.

2 Q. *The Wall Street Journal* article refers to an interview with
3 Calvin Darden Senior, doesn't it?

4 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

5 Hearsay.

6 THE COURT: Sustained.

7 It's not in evidence.

8 Q. I'd like to show you Government Exhibit 710. It's not in
9 your book. It's going to hopefully appear on the screen.

10 This was shown to you last week; correct?

11 A. It was.

12 Q. You were asked some questions about this, were you not?

13 A. That's true.

14 Q. This is the exhibit that you said they would ask their
15 questions and I would respond to; correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. The email at the bottom from Lee Ann Ramirez at Goodman
18 Media dated September 12th, 2013, it says prep questions,
19 that's the subject, right?

20 A. It is.

21 Q. And it says: Good afternoon, Cal.

22 Correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And she has written this to cdarden@thereigninc; correct?

25 A. Correct.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 Q. She says: Attached please find a draft of potential
2 questions Bill at *Wall Street Journal* may ask you in bank;
3 correct?

4 A. Okay. Yes.

5 Q. And then she says: We will review them during our prep
6 call.

7 Correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. This is referring to Bill, who wrote *The Wall Street*
10 *Journal* article, right?

11 A. Seemingly so.

12 Q. These are questions that she sent you that are going to be
13 asked by Bill; correct?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. There is no email exchange between you and *The Wall Street*
16 *Journal* providing answers to these questions, is there?

17 A. I don't know. I have no idea.

18 Q. You have no idea.

19 A. There could be. There might not be. I have no idea.

20 Q. On September 4th, when you met with the government, you
21 told them -- when you were asked about the interviews with the
22 press, *The Wall Street Journal*, etc., you said that you were
23 the one who did those interviews, didn't you?

24 A. That very well may be possible.

25 Q. I'm going to ask you about George Wight.

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1 A. Okay.

2 Q. He is someone who was initially going to provide financing
3 for this deal, right?

4 A. He was initially supposed to provide all the financing for
5 the deal.

6 Q. And he went to your parents' house with you to Atlanta to
7 discuss the deal, right?

8 A. He did.

9 Q. This was two months before the deal was announced, right?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. You were present during those conversations with Mr. Wight
12 and your father; correct?

13 A. I was.

14 Q. And Mr. Wight wanted to get a deal with Target for a DVD
15 distribution in exchange for financing; correct?

16 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

17 Calls for hearsay.

18 THE COURT: Well, on the present state of the record,
19 sustained.

20 Q. This was said in front of the father, right, these
21 conversations with Mr. Wight?

22 A. Was what said in front of him, so we're clear?

23 Q. Did you have a conversation -- sorry. Did you, in your
24 father's presence, hear George Wight say that he wanted to get
25 a deal with Target for DVD distribution in exchange for

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1 financing the Maxim deal?

2 A. That's incorrect.

3 Q. What do you recall him saying in the presence of your
4 father?

5 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

6 608(b), 403, cumulative, irrelevant.

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: It goes to the effect on the listener.

8 THE COURT: I will allow it, but I continue to be
9 concerned of peripheral matters, but I will allow it.

10 A. So we spoke about the Target deal and we spoke about the
11 Maxim deal. At no point did he say that he was going to
12 provide the financing for Maxim in exchange for the Target
13 deal. That was never said. My father wouldn't allow that
14 anyway. So that's incorrect.

15 Q. And again, this meeting at your parents' house was two
16 months before the deal was announced, right?

17 A. It was.

18 Q. Then after the deal was announced, you and your father met
19 with George Wight again in New York City; correct?

20 A. We did.

21 Q. I want to talk to you about The Reign Merrill Lynch
22 accounts.

23 You testified that your father had no role in Reign,
24 but you opened the Merrill Lynch bank accounts in his name
25 anyway, right?

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1 A. Okay. Sure. Yes.

2 Q. You used his date of birth?

3 A. Probably so.

4 Q. And his Social Security number?

5 A. Probably so.

6 Q. You were the only one who used that account?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. You testified that there were no successful deals for
9 Reign, right?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. So all the money that was in that account was obtained by
12 fraud, right?

13 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

14 Asked and answered. 403.

15 THE COURT: Sustained.

16 Q. You were going to open the Maxim bank account in your
17 father's name also, weren't you?

18 A. No, I can't say that I was. I'm not sure, if I'm not
19 mistaken, the account for the Maxim, it was a corporate
20 account, it wasn't an individual account. But if it required
21 individual information, then I would have given my father's
22 information. I just can't say that I did, so I'm not sure.

23 Q. Did you have your father's driver's license?

24 A. I did.

25 Q. How did you get that?

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1 A. I asked him to send it to me.

2 Q. Why did you tell him you needed it?

3 A. It was for a deal prior to the Maxim deal. I don't
4 remember exactly what it was for, but it was prior to Maxim.

5 Q. It was prior to Maxim.

6 A. It was.

7 Q. Can you estimate when you asked your father for his
8 driver's license?

9 A. Maybe a year before, it could have been two years before.
10 I'm not sure.

11 Q. Did you tell your father that you needed his driver's
12 license to open the Maxim bank accounts in his name?

13 A. I'm not sure. I could have. I really -- I don't recall.

14 I know when I initially asked him for his license, it
15 was a year or two before the Maxim deal. So as far as the bank
16 accounts are concerned, I very well could have asked him or
17 told him that I need it for -- I could have, I just -- I don't
18 recall.

19 Q. You sent copies of his driver's license to various people
20 involved in the Maxim deal, right?

21 A. I did.

22 Q. And you testified that you also used his driver's license
23 to get a document notarized for him because you're the same
24 name; correct?

25 A. Repeat the question. I'm sorry.

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1 Q. That you used his driver's license to get someone to
2 notarize a document that was supposed to be signed by him
3 because you are both named Calvin Darden?

4 A. That's incorrect.

5 Q. You did not use his driver's license to get any documents
6 notarized?

7 A. I don't need his driver's license to get a document
8 notarized because if I'm getting it notarized, it's getting
9 notarized as Calvin Darden, which is my name, so that's what my
10 ID says. So I use my own ID; I didn't have to use his. I did
11 not use his for that.

12 Q. What did you use his driver's license for?

13 A. It could have very well been for to open the bank account
14 that you just mentioned. I really don't remember.

15 Q. Is there anything else you used it for?

16 A. Not that I recall at the moment.

17 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, may we approach?

18 THE COURT: All right.

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1 (At the side bar)

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: The next question I'm going to ask him
3 is he testified that Mr. Newkirk knew that his father was not
4 signing for Reign and that he was the one who was signing for
5 Reign. And the next document I would like to show him is this
6 one, 506, which, I'm sorry, I should have brought you a copy
7 too. And the purpose of it is the email. It says: Have you
8 take a look before my dad executes it.

9 THE COURT: Any objection?

10 MR. ADAMS: Yes.

11 Well, I think it opens the door. If the suggestion is
12 that Mr. Newkirk received this email with the belief Calvin
13 Darden Senior was actually going to be signing this thing, this
14 goes back to the original agreement in the context of the
15 boxing deal that he was not going to be doing this.

16 THE COURT: I don't think it opens the door.

17 You may.

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: Thank you.

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(In open court)

BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

Q. Mr. Darden, you testified that Mr. Newkirk knew that the signatures on The Reign documents were yours; correct?

A. Which Reign documents are you referring to, all Reign documents?

Q. Yes.

A. I believe so.

Q. I'd like to show you Defense 506 please.

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. What is it?

A. This is an email from me to Harvey. It attaches the Starbright Media contract with Barbara Laurence.

MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 506 in evidence.

MR. ADAMS: Objection previously raised.

THE COURT: Yes. That objection is preserved, but overruled.

The document is received.

(Defendant's Exhibit 506 received in evidence)

MS. CHAUDHRY: Thank you.

Would you please publish it for the jury. Thank you.

Q. This is an email from you from your gmail address to Mr. Newkirk's gmail address on June 4th, 2013; correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. And at the top is -- let's start at the bottom, is another

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1 email from Barbara Laurence who we discussed was one of your
2 advisers; correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. And she's forwarding a document; correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Your email to Harvey Newkirk at the top, it reads: Harvey,
7 take a look and let me know your thoughts before my dad
8 executes.

9 Is that correct?

10 A. It is.

11 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we can please turn to the actual
12 document, second page.

13 Q. The signature page is for Mr. Calvin Darden Senior;
14 correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I want to talk to you about the fight you had with your
17 father on November 19th, 2013.

18 You previously testified as follows: "Directing you
19 to the following day, did you have a conversation with
20 Mr. Newkirk about the same falling out?

21 "A. I did.

22 "Q. And according to Mr. Newkirk, what conversations, if any,
23 had he had with your father?

24 "A. He told me that my father called him and told him that he
25 wasn't going to be a part of the Maxim deal anymore, to make

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1 sure that his name wasn't on any documents, and that people
2 didn't think that he was involved, and to send back -- I don't
3 remember if he told Harvey to send back the statements or if he
4 told Harvey to tell me to send back the statements, but we
5 talked about that, the stock statements that he previously
6 sent."

7 Were you asked those questions, did you give those
8 answers.

9 A. I was and I did.

10 Q. Is that still your testimony?

11 A. It is.

12 Q. Now, you testified last week that even though your father
13 was just an adviser, he called Harvey to say, Make sure my name
14 is not on any documents.

15 Right?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. And there was no -- from your testimony last week, there's
18 no mention of the call from Andy Nikou to your father, was
19 there?

20 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

21 THE COURT: Sustained.

22 Q. Last week when you testified about your conversation with
23 Mr. Newkirk, following your fight with your father, you did not
24 say that Mr. Newkirk told you that your father had gotten a
25 call from Andy Nikou, did you?

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1 A. Did I say that in my testimony? No, I did not.

2 Q. You testified as follows:

3 "Q. What did you ask, if anything, about the request from your
4 father about sending the stock statements back?

5 "A. I was like -- I didn't know what does he mean, you know,
6 send the statements back because he emailed the statements. So
7 Harvey said to print them out and he would send them back --
8 send them back to him."

9 Were you asked those questions, did you give those
10 answers.

11 A. I was and I did.

12 Q. Did you tell your father that Mr. Newkirk had your stock
13 statements?

14 A. Did I tell my father that -- I'm not sure -- that he had --
15 I can't see why I would have -- I don't know because my father
16 emailed the statements to me. So did I tell my father that
17 Harvey had the statements? I don't -- it doesn't really make
18 sense to me, so probably -- I don't know how to answer that.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Darden, there are three possibilities:
20 One is you did, you didn't, or you don't recall one way or the
21 other.

22 A. Can you ask me the question again please?

23 Q. Sure.

24 Did you tell your father that Harvey Newkirk had your
25 stock statements? Sorry, his stock statements.

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1 A. I don't recall.

2 Q. But you did testify that your father wanted Mr. Newkirk to
3 send the stock statements back.

4 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

5 Mischaracterizes.

6 THE COURT: Sustained.

7 Q. Why didn't you print out the stock statements and mail them
8 back to your father if he wanted them back?

9 A. Because he didn't tell me he wanted -- he didn't tell me he
10 wanted them back. My father and I weren't speaking. This is
11 information I got from Harvey. So I was -- I was doing what
12 Harvey had asked me to do. My father didn't ask me to send
13 them back.

14 Q. You testified --

15 A. Print them out.

16 Q. "So Harvey said to print them out and he would send them
17 back -- send them back to him."

18 Correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So Harvey told you to print them out and then Harvey would
21 mail them back.

22 A. Did Harvey tell me that? Yes, Harvey told me that.

23 Q. Told you to print them out from your computer.

24 A. I don't -- Harvey was telling me what my father told him.
25 Harvey is relaying to me what my father told him. So I don't

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1 remember exactly what Harvey told me to do. Print them out and
2 then send them to me, that wouldn't have made sense. So I
3 would have maybe emailed Harvey and maybe he printed them out
4 and sent them. I did not print out the statements and mailed
5 them to Harvey so he could mail them back to my father, if I
6 understand your question correctly.

7 Q. I refer you back to your testimony last week. And I am at
8 922, starting at 17.

9 Your answer -- so question, What did you ask -- my
10 apologies. Backing up to 15.

11 "What did you ask, if anything, about the request from
12 your father regarding -- about sending the stock statements
13 back?

14 "A. I was like I don't -- I didn't know, what does he mean,
15 you know, send the stock statements back because he emailed me
16 the statements. So Harvey said to print them out and he would
17 send them back, send them back to him."

18 Were you asked those questions, did you give those
19 answers?

20 A. I was. I did.

21 Q. And the second part, when you said, Harvey said to print
22 them out and he would send them back, you're referring to the
23 conversation you had with Mr. Newkirk; correct?

24 A. I believe so.

25 Q. You're saying there that Mr. Newkirk told you to print out

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1 the stock statements and then Mr. Newkirk would mail them back
2 to your father; correct?

3 A. I believe so.

4 Q. Then you just testified a few minutes ago that you didn't
5 print them out, right?

6 A. No, I did not.

7 Q. Even though you had said that Mr. Newkirk told you to print
8 them out, you didn't do that.

9 THE COURT: Sustained.

10 Q. Did you delete them?

11 A. Did I delete the emails?

12 Q. Yup.

13 A. I don't remember deleting the emails.

14 Q. You testified that the next time you spoke to your father
15 was January 22nd; correct?

16 A. I did.

17 Q. Have you spoken to your father about your testimony today?

18 A. I have not.

19 Q. I'd like to show you what's in evidence as Government's
20 Exhibit 901, pages -- what I'm showing you from that exhibit is
21 pages 1168 through 1170, 1173 through 1174, 1177. These are up
22 for the jury.

23 These are the phone records for you, right? These are
24 your cell phone?

25 A. It is.

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1 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we could please blow it up so it's a
2 little easier to see.

3 Q. This first highlighted in yellow, that is a call placed to
4 your father's cell phone; correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. That's on January 12th, 2014; is that correct?

7 A. It is.

8 Q. That's a 16-minute phone call; correct?

9 A. Yes, it is.

10 Q. The highlighted in blue, same day, that's a call to your
11 family's house; correct?

12 A. It is.

13 Q. That's for two minutes?

14 A. It is.

15 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we could please see the next page.

16 If we could blow it up. Thank you.

17 Q. This is page 169 of this exhibit.

18 On the 13th there is a 24-minute call between you and
19 your family's phone; correct?

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. And there are several other calls listed between you and
22 your father's phone that are a minute; is that correct?

23 A. Okay.

24 MS. CHAUDHRY: The next page please.

25 Can you make that bigger.

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1 Q. These are the calls from January 13th. The yellow is a
2 phone call between you and your father's cell phone for three
3 minutes; and the blue is calls between you and your parents'
4 house phone, one for nine minutes, the other for two minutes.

5 Is that correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we could look at 1173, please.

8 Can you blow that up.

9 Q. These are calls from the 15th. And again, the blue are all
10 between you and your parents' house phone for one minute, three
11 minutes, three minutes, and two minutes. And then the yellow
12 is a cell phone call between you and your father that was eight
13 minutes; is that correct?

14 A. That's correct.

15 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we could look at the next one
16 please. I think it's 1174.

17 Q. There's a two-minute call between you and your parents'
18 house phone on the 16th; is that correct?

19 A. It is.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: And 1177 please.

21 Q. It's a three-minute call between you and your parents'
22 house phone on the 18th?

23 A. Yes.

24 MS. CHAUDHRY: 1180 please.

25 Q. These show several calls between you and your parents'

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1 house phone on the 20th; correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Including one for 17 minutes?

4 A. That's correct.

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we see 1181.

6 Q. The yellow is a phone call on January 21st between you and
7 your father's cell phone for five minutes, and then a call the
8 same day between you and your father's house phone for two
9 minutes, right?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. And 1182 is the last one we're going to show you.

12 This is another call between you and your father's
13 cell phone on the 21st, and this is for three minutes; is that
14 correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. So from the phone records I just showed you, you and your
17 father had started speaking again by January 12th; correct?

18 A. I thought it was later, but okay.

19 Q. These phone records do show phone calls between you and
20 your father; correct?

21 MR. ADAMS: Objection. Objection.

22 Speaks for itself.

23 THE COURT: Sustained.

24 Q. It's a fact that you did start speaking to him on January
25 12th, right?

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1 A. That's not correct.

2 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

3 The records speak for themselves.

4 THE COURT: Well, if he has an independent
5 recollection, he can testify; but I think he's already
6 indicated his recollection.

7 Sustained.

8 Q. Mr. Darden, when you signed the personal guarantee in this,
9 forging your father's signature, you were in the Bahamas,
10 right?

11 A. For one of them, yes.

12 Q. That was on a family vacation; is that correct?

13 A. It was.

14 Q. Your father was there with you?

15 A. He was. He was there with me in the Bahamas; he was not
16 there with me when I signed it.

17 Q. He was with you in the Bahamas, right --

18 A. He was.

19 Q. -- when you signed it?

20 And you signed that guarantee knowing that your father
21 would be liable for \$31 million?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. You spent that vacation with him?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Did you tell him that you had done that?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. How many days was that vacation?

3 A. I don't know, maybe a week, five days, six.

4 Q. I want to ask you about the stock statements that your
5 father sent you.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. Last week you were asked the following question and you
8 gave the following answer at 905, 22:

9 "Q. Why were you asking your father for these stock
10 statements?

11 "A. Because I told him that there was a potential investor,
12 Melody Partners; that I explained that his shares were
13 restricted and they wanted to see or verify that they were
14 restricted."

15 Is that correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. Was that the first time your father sent your stock
18 statements -- his stock statements to you?

19 A. It was not.

20 Q. When did he previously send them?

21 A. Maybe a year or two prior. It wasn't all of them. I don't
22 recall him sending me the Coca-Cola statement before, but it
23 wasn't all the statements.

24 Q. And in what context did your father send you those
25 Coca-Cola statements?

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1 A. It was in regards to the NBA deal that I was working on.

2 Q. The one you pled guilty to defrauding?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Why did you ask your father -- sorry.

5 What was the context in the NBA deal in which he sent
6 you the stock statements?

7 A. Actually, it wasn't the one that I pled guilty for. The
8 one I pled guilty for is the one in Taiwan. This was the
9 basketball deal before that when I was looking to like arrange
10 this tour, this overseas tour for the players.

11 There was a prospective investor that was looking to
12 come in, because we had to pay the players up front. I told my
13 father about it; I asked him to send me the stock statement; he
14 said that he couldn't pledge anything. The prospective
15 investor wanted to see it; I asked my father to send it to me;
16 he sent it; I showed it to him. That was the extent.

17 Q. For what purpose did you show that investor your father's
18 stock statements?

19 A. You mean the answer that I just --

20 Q. Mm-hmm.

21 A. So there was a prospective investor that wanted to see my
22 father's statement. I guess he was contemplating putting in
23 money. I asked my father for his statement; he sent the
24 statement. That was the context.

25 Q. When your father sent you the statement on November 19th,

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1 the Coca-Cola statement --

2 A. November 19 -- that's the one -- okay. Go ahead. I'm
3 sorry.

4 Q. The Maxim deal.

5 A. Yes, ma'am.

6 Q. You then had it altered; correct?

7 A. No, I had already -- it was altered before that.

8 Q. It was altered on October 2nd, 2013; correct?

9 A. I don't remember the date, but it was before the date he
10 sent it to me, yes.

11 Q. I show you Defense Exhibit 380 to refresh your recollection
12 in the book in front of you.

13 A. Oh, sorry.

14 Q. Do you recognize Defense 380?

15 A. I do.

16 Q. What is it?

17 A. This is the stock statement that we were just talking
18 about, the fake Coca-Cola stock statement.

19 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 380 into evidence.

20 MR. ADAMS: No objection.

21 THE COURT: Received.

22 (Defendant's Exhibit 380 received in evidence)

23 MS. CHAUDHRY: Please publish 380.

24 Q. The first page of 380 is an email from Eric Flewellyn --
25 sorry, eflewellen40@aol.com to you on October 2nd, 2013;

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1 correct?

2 A. It is.

3 Q. Who is eflewellen40?

4 A. The gentleman that had made the statements for me.

5 Q. He's the one who actually made the statements for you?

6 A. I don't know if he made it. I believe that somebody that
7 works for him made it.

8 Q. And how do you know Eric Flewellyn?

9 A. Eric was a car salesman I bought one of my cars from.

10 Q. How long have you known Mr. Flewellyn?

11 A. Maybe 2009, 2000 -- I don't know, something like that.

12 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we see the attachment to this
13 please.

14 Q. This is the sample statement he sent you; correct?

15 A. It is.

16 Q. And this is a fake Coca-Cola statement?

17 A. It is.

18 Q. And this statement has listed in it in the middle 81,420
19 shares of Coca-Cola, right?

20 A. It does.

21 Q. And that's a number that you had made up?

22 A. All of it is made up.

23 Q. All of it's made up.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Did you use the prior Coke statement your father had sent

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1 you as a template to make this one?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. I'd like to show you 381.

4 THE COURT: Counsel, bear in mind that in a couple of
5 minutes we're going to break for lunch.

6 MS. CHAUDHRY: Great. I'll just finish this part.

7 Thank you.

8 Q. Please look at 381.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. What is it?

11 A. Same Coca-Cola statement email from me to Eric Flewellyn.

12 MS. CHAUDHRY: I'd like to offer 381 into evidence.

13 MR. ADAMS: No objection.

14 THE COURT: Received.

15 (Defendant's Exhibit 381 received in evidence)

16 MS. CHAUDHRY: Please publish it.

17 Q. The top is an email from you to -- you're responding to
18 Mr. Flewellyn on the same day; correct?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. October 2nd, 2013?

21 And you write to him: It looks great. All I need is
22 a line that goes under, quote, stock account dash dash number
23 of stock units, unquote. Can you have him do it first thing in
24 the morning. I need it ASAP, my man. Thanks.

25 Is that correct?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we see the second page.

3 Q. The middle of it, where it says stock account dash number
4 of stock units, you wanted a line literally drawn in underneath
5 that; correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So that it would look more authentic?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. And once that line was -- he did eventually draw that line
10 in for you, right?

11 A. I'm sure he did.

12 Q. And then that is -- this is the focus Coke statement that
13 you then sent to everybody in this deal, right?

14 A. Probably so.

15 Q. If you go back to the first page, you said you needed it
16 first thing in the morning. That would be October 3rd, right?

17 A. I believe so.

18 Q. That was the day the first extension fee was due in the
19 Maxim deal, right?

20 A. I believe so.

21 Q. And on neither of these emails is Harvey Newkirk copied, is
22 he?

23 A. No.

24 Q. You didn't forward any of these emails to Harvey Newkirk,
25 did you?

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1 A. I don't know if I forwarded it to him or not. I know he's
2 not cc'd or copied on here. I can't say that I didn't forward
3 it to him. I'm sorry. I don't know.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: We can break.

5 THE COURT: All right.

6 So ladies and gentlemen, we'll break for lunch and
7 we'll resume at 2 o'clock.

8 (Jury excused)

9 THE COURT: Anything counsel needs to raise with the
10 Court?

11 MR. ADAMS: Nothing from the government.

12 MS. CHAUDHRY: Nothing for defense.

13 THE COURT: How much longer do you have?

14 MS. CHAUDHRY: I probably have about two and-a-half
15 hours.

16 THE COURT: No. No way.

17 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, this is the main witness.

18 THE COURT: Yes, it's the main witness. But having
19 represented to the Court both in your estimates last week and
20 then again this morning that you would be concluding by early
21 this afternoon, you proceeded to spend several hours on what
22 was a vastly repetitive questioning about his multiple past
23 lies and that was your choice. And I, within broad limits,
24 allowed it, even though it was more or less endless questions
25 on the very same theme.

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1 And so I'm not going to allow you now to change your
2 estimates, because having gotten the benefit of that
3 cumulative, repetitive questioning, you now want to spend some
4 more time on other matters.

5 I will give you till 3:30, an hour and-a-half. No
6 more.

7 (Luncheon recess)

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A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N

2:10 p.m.

(In open court; jury not present)

THE COURT: Please be seated. We're waiting on one juror.

MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, may we approach while we're waiting?

THE COURT: Yes.

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1 (At the side bar)

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, I wanted to bring up three
3 things. One is when I gave the Court my time estimate, it did
4 not account for a 10:00 start and in the time I had asked for
5 the extra time would have been used this morning.

6 Two, I am going to ask about a couple of documents
7 that are not related to the Maxim fraud, but were done at the
8 time and I asked the government to stipulate to their
9 admissibility and the government has not agreed. I will offer
10 them quickly. I don't need to show them. The relevance of
11 those is that they are separate frauds he was doing at the same
12 time on, for example, the BMW Financial Services to get his
13 Porsche and the Mercedes, part of the benefits of his plea deal
14 is that these are crimes that he knows about that he did not
15 have to plead guilty to in addition.

16 Do you want me to keep going?

17 THE COURT: Pardon me?

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: I have a third thing. Do you you want
19 me to stop so you can respond?

20 THE COURT: On the first thing, my recollection is
21 that your original estimate was not based on a late start, but
22 you gave the second estimate to the same degree after we
23 started. Nevertheless, we started 45 minutes late, which was
24 totally my fault, or actually it was the fault of New York
25 traffic so I blame it entirely on the Mayor.

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1 MS. CHAUDHRY: We would stipulate to that.

2 THE COURT: I will give you two hours and 15 minutes.

3 MS. CHAUDHRY: Thank you. When I finish early, I
4 expect a smile from the Court.

5 THE COURT: That goes without saying.

6 Now, your second point was?

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: I know the Court is concerned that I am
8 introducing documents that are irrelevant and so that is why I
9 wanted to introduce those documents, not necessarily to show
10 them but to have them in the record. So that the relevance is
11 when I go to the part of the benefits of your plea deal, which
12 is very exciting, I will be listing all the times that he did
13 not have to plead guilty to and these are separate frauds that
14 I was doing at the same time.

15 THE COURT: Well, I will take them up as they are
16 offered. I don't think I can make a ruling in advance.

17 You had a third point?

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: Yes. My third point was there was a
19 collection of when the government executed their search warrant
20 in this case, they recovered a number of documents from his
21 house, which I briefly talked about. And according to the
22 government, they have the originals. What I have been given
23 are scanned copies. The government has agreed to stipulate
24 that those were in fact found in his house but not to the
25 admissibility. So there is going be a section when I come to

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1 later that I would like to introduce some of them. In
2 particular, the one I want to introduce is the government's
3 exhibit --

4 THE COURT: I don't think I can receive them unless
5 they qualify as "reams."

6 MS. CHAUDHRY: That is why that binder is so big.

7 In particular I would like to introduce are he signed
8 the letter of intent with Harvey Newkirk and Invictus, which
9 the government has entered into evidence as Government Exhibit
10 701. In his house he had, I believe, the originals of
11 different signature pages where he has one on one of them
12 forged Mr. Newkirk's signature and on the other one he has I
13 think like with scissor cut and glued it onto a different
14 document and I would like to introduce those.

15 THE COURT: What is the objection?

16 MR. ADAMS: She is inquiring into it under 608, but it
17 it is extrinsic evidence for impeachment.

18 THE COURT: I know. There is no question this is the
19 most important witness in the case from the standpoint of the
20 defense. That is a discretionary call and I allowed that.
21 These are things that have already been in effect referred to.
22 I think I will allow those two in.

23 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, if I could raise one more
24 issue on that?

25 THE COURT: Yes.

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1 MR. ADAMS: The document she is referring to goes
2 directly to the boxing deal. It is a letter of intent.

3 MS. CHAUDHRY: They already entered it into evidence.

4 MR. ADAMS: It was admitted for a particular reason.

5 THE COURT: But why would that open the door?

6 MR. ADAMS: That depends on what the line of cross is.

7 THE COURT: I agree with that.

8 MR. ADAMS: It is in evidence, though.

9 THE COURT: It might open the door to his house, but I
10 am not sure it opens the door to the 404(b).

11 MR. ADAMS: I just raise it.

12 THE COURT: You're forewarned about your questioning in
13 that regard.

14 MS. CHAUDHRY: My questioning is just about the
15 signature page.

16 MR. HARRIS: If we're still waiting, I would raise
17 something.

18 THE COURT: They are all here.

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1 (In open court; jury present)

2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: May I bring in the jury?

3 THE COURT: Yes.

4 Let's get the witness on the stand.

5 Please be seated.

6 Counsel, go ahead.

7 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

8 Q. Mr. Darden, last week you testified about the fake Bank of
9 America statements. Do you remember that?

10 A. Yes, ma'am.

11 Q. These are statements that you commissioned from Eric
12 Flewellyn?

13 A. Yes, ma'am.

14 Q. They were completely bogus?

15 A. They were.

16 Q. You knew that at the time you commissioned them from Eric
17 Flewellyn?

18 A. I did.

19 Q. You did not tell the jury last week that Harvey Newkirk did
20 not know that they were fake statements, did you?

21 A. I did not tell them that, no.

22 Q. And when you met with the government on April 4th, 2014,
23 you told them that Mr. Newkirk believed that they were real
24 bank statements; right?

25 A. I believe so.

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1 Q. And at that meeting you also told them that you had no idea
2 that they were fake; right?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. You lied to them and you said that you thought that they
5 were real bank statements; right?

6 A. I did.

7 Q. That you were paying Eric Flewellyn to get access to your
8 dad's real account; right?

9 A. No. I -- I disagree with the second part. Did I say that
10 to the government, the first part, yes. I would say no to the
11 second part.

12 Q. You told the government that what you thought you were
13 paying for was unauthorized access to your father's real
14 account; right?

15 A. I -- I don't remember exactly what I told the government.
16 I know I wasn't truthful at that -- at that first session.

17 Q. And you got several fake Bank of America account statements
18 from Eric Flewellyn?

19 A. I did I am sure.

20 Q. Several of them you edited by hand and sent him back?

21 A. I am sure I probably edited all of them.

22 Q. And these are all done between e-mail between you and Eric
23 Flewellyn; is that correct?

24 A. I am sure.

25 Q. On none of those e-mails is Harvey Newkirk copied, is he?

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1 A. No, he is not.

2 Q. I would like to show you defense 575.

3 Do you see it?

4 A. I do.

5 Q. What is it?

6 A. It's an e-mail from me to Kevin Valentine with the Bank of
7 America statement -- with the fake Bank of America statement
8 that you just referenced.

9 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 575 into evidence.

10 MR. ADAMS: One moment, your Honor.

11 No objection.

12 THE COURT: Received.

13 (Defendant's Exhibit 575 received in evidence)

14 MS. CHAUDHRY: Please publish 575 to the jury.

15 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

16 Q. This is the cover page to the e-mail from you to Kevin
17 Valentine on October 9th, 2013; correct?

18 A. It is.

19 Q. The attachment is DardenBofA.PDF?

20 A. Yes, ma'am.

21 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we please see the attachment?

22 Q. This is the Bank of America statement with the word
23 "Sample" across it; right?

24 A. It is.

25 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we see the rest of the pages.

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1 Q. This is the actual fake statement; correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And if we go back to the first page, Mr. Newkirk is not
4 copied on this, is he?

5 A. No, ma'am.

6 Q. Previously you testified that you may have forwarded things
7 to Mr. Newkirk but you can't remember; right?

8 A. That's what I said.

9 Q. As part of your cooperation in this case, you met with the
10 government more than 15 times, would you agree?

11 A. I don't know how many times. It was significant.

12 Q. You looked at a lot documents with them?

13 A. I have.

14 Q. As part of your cooperation, you agreed to waive your
15 privacy interest in your e-mail accounts; correct?

16 A. I did.

17 Q. You have gone through your own e-mails with the government,
18 haven't you?

19 A. Some.

20 Q. You authorized the government to go through all of your
21 e-mail accounts; is that correct?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. When you say you don't remember, have you ever seen any of
24 the fake documents that Eric Flewellyn sent you forwarded to
25 Harvey Newkirk?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Which ones?

3 A. So whatever the finished version of this, Harvey seen it
4 because Harvey sent it out. So that would have been me
5 forwarding it to Harvey.

6 Q. He got the finished version; right?

7 A. You mean did he see a draft?

8 Q. Right.

9 A. I don't believe so.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: We can take that down.

11 Q. I am going to ask you about the Open Gate loan. You
12 testified that your father did not know about the Open Gate
13 loan; is that correct?

14 A. No, I did not testify saying that he didn't know about the
15 Open Gate loan. He did know about the Open Gate loan. He just
16 didn't sign the Open Gate loan.

17 Q. What did he know about the Open Gate loan?

18 A. He knew they were providing a loan.

19 Q. When did he know that?

20 A. When they were contemplating providing the loan.

21 Q. When was that?

22 A. I don't know the exact date. I am sure it is somewhere in
23 the paperwork. I cannot tell you what the exact date was.

24 Q. Would you agree it was before they made the loan?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. On April 14th, 2014 when you met with the government, you
2 told them that your father thought that the Open Gate interest
3 rate was very high; correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. When you testified about the Open Gate loan, you were shown
6 GX 178; right?

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we put that up, please, Ms. Marmet.

8 Q. This is the notice of the Open Gate lawsuit sent from
9 Harvey Newkirk's work account; correct?

10 A. Yes, ma'am.

11 Q. And it is sent to both your G-Mail account and The Reign
12 account; is that correct?

13 A. It is.

14 Q. And you testified last week that you did seek out a
15 litigator to handle this lawsuit; correct?

16 A. Yes, ma'am.

17 Q. You testified that Mr. Newkirk sent you this e-mail
18 "because he told me that I needed to get another lawyer for
19 it"; correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. And you did reach out to another litigator, didn't you?

22 A. A couple.

23 MS. CHAUDHRY: You can take that down.

24 Q. You testified last week about some of the forms that
25 Mr. Newkirk sent you?

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1 A. Some of the what, ma'am?

2 Q. Forms?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And in the Maxim transaction there were a lot of lawyers,
5 weren't there?

6 A. There were.

7 Q. Maxim had the lawyers; correct?

8 A. Absolutely.

9 Q. The lenders had lawyers?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Darden Media Group had Bryan Cave; correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. And isn't it a fact that Bodman who is the lawyer for the
14 Maxim also sent forms around?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And that the Open Gate lawyers also sent forms of pledge
17 agreements?

18 A. They did.

19 Q. And that Mark Weinberg one of the investors -- sorry --
20 lenders also sent forms?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And the form that Mr. Newkirk sent you were sent from his
23 work account?

24 A. I can't say what account they were sent from, but probably
25 so. There were a lot of forms. I don't know if all of them

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1 went from Bryan Cave, but it would seem likely.

2 Q. I would like to show you what has been marked as Defense
3 543 and 544. If you could please look at those.

4 Do you recognize these?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. What are they?

7 A. This is -- the top is an e-mail that I sent to Kevin
8 Valentine. It attaches a letter with The Reign letterhead.

9 Q. Is that 543 you are talking about?

10 A. It is.

11 Q. Do you also recognize 544?

12 A. I do. Again, it is an e-mail that I sent from me to Kevin
13 Valentine as a scanned attachment on the Reign letterhead to
14 Lee Ann Gliha.

15 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 543 and 544 into evidence.

16 MR. ADAMS: Objection. Hearsay, offered for the
17 truth, 608 as well.

18 THE COURT: Sustained.

19 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, may I approach?

20 THE COURT: No. But if you want to tell me there is a
21 non hearsay purpose you are offering it for, I will consider
22 it.

23 MS. CHAUDHRY: Yes, your Honor. On 543 the e-mail
24 that is the second one from Mr. Darden to Kevin.

25 THE COURT: Let me just look at that.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 I am sorry. Give me the first words.

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: Kevin, comma, can you please.

3 THE COURT: I see it.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: Two inches down.

5 THE COURT: Yes, I see it.

6 (Pause)

7 THE COURT: Is that all you are offering from this?

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: And the attachment.

9 THE COURT: And the attachment.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: That shows who is supposed to sign it?

11 THE COURT: Received.

12 (Defendant's Exhibit 543 received in evidence)

13 THE COURT: Now let me look at the other one, 544.

14 Yes, that's received as well.

15 (Defendant's Exhibit 544 received in evidence)

16 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we publish 543, please.

17 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

18 Q. Mr. Darden, this is -- I am starting in the middle about
19 two inches down -- actually, excuse me.

20 Starting from the bottom, forwarded messages,
21 originally an e-mail from Harvey Newkirk at Bryan Cave on
22 July 15th, 2013; correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Is this an e-mail he sends to you at your G-Mail, to
25 Laurence Media, to Special K investors; correct?

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1 A. Yes, that's correct.

2 Q. Kevin Valentine is not on this original e-mail, is he?

3 A. No, he is not.

4 Q. That e-mail above it from July 15th at 12:44, you forward
5 that to Kevin Valentine?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. You said to Kevin Valentine:

8 "Can you please attach Reign letterhead to the
9 attached offer letter from Maxim Magazine.

10 "Additionally, can you please add the Merrill letter
11 attached to the bid letter so there is only one download.
12 Lastly as this is a digital file, I need my signature digitally
13 added to the signature line.

14 "This can serve as my written could be set to do that.
15 Thank you."

16 That is what it says?

17 A. Yes, ma'am.

18 Q. That is sent to Mr. Valentine's G-Mail address?

19 A. It is.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we can please go to the signature
21 page or can we flip to the signature page so the jury can see
22 it. Can you go to the signature line. Thank you.

23 Q. The signature line is for Calvin R. Darden Senior?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. This is what you were asking Kevin Valentine to attach the

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1 digital signature to?

2 A. Believe so, yes.

3 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we can go to the first page again.

4 I am sorry, the e-mail.

5 Q. Mr. Newkirk is not copied on this e-mail from you to Kevin
6 Valentine asking him to attach a digital signature for you, is
7 he?

8 A. No, he is not.

9 MS. CHAUDHRY: And if we can please show 544.

10 Q. This is an e-mail from you to Kevin Valentine again on the
11 same day at 2:19?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. July 15th, 2015?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Mr. Newkirk is not copied on this either, is he?

16 A. No, he is not.

17 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we can please flip to the
18 attachment.

19 Q. This is the same letter we just saw; right?

20 A. I believe so, yes.

21 MS. CHAUDHRY: Please keep going.

22 Q. Whose signature is that?

23 A. Mine.

24 Q. Is that a digital signature or did you sign it yourself?

25 A. I think I signed it myself. I am not certain. It's my

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1 signature, though.

2 Q. This is not something that you copied Mr. Newkirk on?

3 A. I don't believe so.

4 Q. You have known Kevin Valentine for a long time?

5 A. I have.

6 Q. It is someone who went to Morehouse College?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. He has been involved in several deals with you, hasn't he?

9 A. He has.

10 Q. He has been in your dad's company Darden Development?

11 A. To an extent.

12 Q. You had him put your father's digital signature on
13 documents since at least 2010; correct?

14 A. He did.

15 Q. I would like to show you Defense 577.

16 Do you recognize it?

17 A. I do.

18 Q. What is it?

19 A. An e-mail from me to Kevin.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 577.

21 MR. ADAMS: Objection, 608(b).

22 THE COURT: What is the objection again?

23 MR. ADAMS: 608(b) and it is also cumulative under
24 403.

25 THE COURT: Overruled. Received.

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(Defendant's Exhibit 577 received in evidence)

MS. CHAUDHRY: Please publish 577 for the jury.

BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

Q. Mr. Darden, this is an e-mail to you from Kevin Valentine on July 22nd, 2010; is that correct?

A. It is.

Q. At the bottom is an e-mail you were applying to from Kevin Valentine to you first?

A. Yes.

Q. He says, "Please make sure your father's informed of the contracts execution before you send to Jay to cover my ass. I appreciate it."

And you respond at the top, "He thought it was done a week ago. In any event, your ass is always covered because you didn't have anything to do with anything. I am the one who does the signatures."

Correct?

A. That's correct.

MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, can we have a very brief side bar on the last exhibit.

THE COURT: All right.

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1 (At the side bar)

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: I don't know exactly which agreement
3 was attached to this. I would have to go back and look given
4 the date that it is 2010. I am positive it is the boxing deal
5 and this is going to the point that Mr. Darden Junior was
6 obscuring or covering up the fact of his father's involvement
7 or not.

8 THE COURT: The door has long since been opened to you
9 rebutting their claims of when Mr. Newkirk knew about X, Y or Z
10 in terms of false signatures or things like that. What the
11 door has not been opened onto is getting into the fraudulent
12 nature of the details of the previous boxing fraud. So this is
13 a good example. The attachment is not there. It is being
14 offered with respect to concealment arguably from Newkirk from
15 things that are going on and you can bring that out that
16 Newkirk knew what was going on. That hasn't opened the door
17 yet to the fraudulent scheme as opposed to just rebutting these
18 particular suggestions or inferences.

19 MR. ADAMS: So that I don't keep asking for side bars
20 on this --

21 THE COURT: That is generally the line I am drawing.

22 MR. ADAMS: Let me ask this: My proposed line of
23 redirect on this issue --

24 THE COURT: We're not going to get to that in this
25 century.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 MS. CHAUDHRY: I am moving. I am moving.

2 MR. ADAMS: Just so I stop popping up and bothering
3 you with these: Mr. Darden, did you have a conversation in the
4 course of the boxing deal with Mr. Newkirk about actively
5 hiding the fact of personal guarantees from your father?

6 THE COURT: Or you can say prior to the Maxim deal and
7 when was that. I think you can start off by saying prior to
8 the maximum deal. Did you have such a conversation and when
9 was that. That for sure I will allow.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, if that is going to be
11 allowed on recross and I show that letter that I showed you
12 that he sends pertaining --

13 THE COURT: We'll worry about recross when we get to
14 it. Let's finish cross.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 (In open court; jury present)

2 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

3 Q. Mr. Darden, you testified last week that you spoofed Mr.
4 Weinberg by using a spoof e-mail app?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. That you bought?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. That this was an app that you let you pretend that you were
9 e-mailing from someone else's account; correct?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. You also bought a spoof app for telephones; correct?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. I would like to show you what is in evidence as DX 303,
14 page three.

15 A. I am sorry. Which number, please?

16 Q. 301. I may have misspoken. Page 3 on October 10th --
17 sorry, October 4th, you purchased a spoof card app for your
18 phone for \$9; right?

19 A. Yes. This is the same one on the screen; right?

20 Q. Yes. The same one on the screen.

21 Everything on the screen is the same as your book.
22 Whatever is more convenient for you.

23 If I can show you 303 at page 3 also. In December of
24 2012 you buy that app again, right, for \$9.95?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And this is an app that let's the people making phone calls
2 pretend that is coming from a different phone number?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. It also let's the person using that app disguise their
5 voice when they are making phone calls?

6 A. I don't know about voice -- I don't know that you can
7 disguise your voice. You can certainly make it like you are
8 calling from any number that you like. I am not 100 percent
9 whether you can disguise your voice or not. I am not certain.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: Thank you. You can take that down.

11 Q. Now, you testified that last week when I asked you about
12 the bogus e-mail chains, do you remember that?

13 A. I do.

14 Q. And how you made that big chain between your mom and some
15 guy from Target?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And your mom and guy from Target and from Cardinal Health?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. That you would create these bogus chains to fool the
20 ultimate recipient of the e-mail; correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. I would like to show you DX 398.

23 A. Okay. I have it.

24 Q. Do you recognize it?

25 A. I do.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 Q. What is it?

2 A. It's an e-mail from me The Reign Inc. to my G-Mail and also
3 CC's Alan Feldman and another gentleman Daniel Kasten. I am
4 not sure who it is.

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 398 into evidence.

6 MR. ADAMS: Objection. 608(b) and cumulative.

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, it will be relevant with
8 the next exhibit.

9 THE COURT: On that representation I will allow it,
10 but we'll strike it if it turns out the other exhibit doesn't
11 close the loop so to speak. 398 is contingently received.

12 (Defendant's Exhibit 398 received in evidence)

13 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

14 Q. This is an e-mail at the top from you from your Reign
15 account; correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. To yourself at your G-Mail account?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. October 9, 2013?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. As you said it copies Alan Feldman and someone Daniel
22 Kasten@Yahoo?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And it attaches BofA483031571905; correct?

25 A. Correct.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 Q. Below it is forwarding an e-mail from Brent Watson;
2 correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. That e-mail is not actually from Brent Watson; right?

5 A. I am sure it wasn't.

6 Q. You made that?

7 A. Probably.

8 Q. That e-mail that is forwarded from you pretending to be --

9 A. Not probably. I did. It is not probably. I did.

10 Q. You went through and when you forwarded it, you changed the
11 words to Brent Watson?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. That is sent October 9, 2013 3:49 p.m.?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. The subject is B of A statement?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. It says, Cal, as per your request, please see attached
18 statement ending in account ... 1095. Please let me know if
19 there is anything else you need.

20 Right?

21 A. Yes, ma'am.

22 Q. I would like to show 401.

23 Do you see it?

24 A. Yes, I do.

25 Q. What is it?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. It's an e-mail from me to Harvey that attaches the bank
2 statement -- actually, it doesn't show an attachment.

3 Q. It does not show an attachment, but it does forward an
4 attachment?

5 A. I am sure it does, absolutely.

6 MS. CHAUDHRY: I would like to offer 401 into
7 evidence.

8 MR. ADAMS: Objection, hearsay.

9 MS. CHAUDHRY: If your Honor would look at the middle
10 of that, that is the relevance.

11 THE COURT: Overruled. Received.

12 (Defendant's Exhibit 401 received in evidence)

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: Please publish 401.

14 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

15 Q. Now, the e-mail we saw before you were pretending came from
16 Brent Watson?

17 A. I did.

18 Q. This is an e-mail that you sent to Harvey Newkirk and that
19 he replies to you?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And the e-mail in the middle that is slowly getting blown
22 up, starting in the middle you say Calvin Darden to Harvey
23 Wednesday, October 9th. Harvey, FYI attached is my father's
24 bank statement from B of A. Thanks, Cal.

25 Is that correct?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. What you were forwarding him appears to be an e-mail from
3 your father's account The Reign account to yourself; correct?

4 A. The Reign account is not my father's account, but that is
5 correct.

6 Q. That's correct.

7 Below that what you have included is that same bogus
8 e-mail chain, correct?

9 A. I believe so, yes.

10 Q. And this time you make it from Roderick Jones?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. You also type in his e-mail address to be
13 Roderick_Jones@MerrillLynch.com?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. That is the same e-mail sent at 3:49 that you previously
16 sent to Alan Feldman pretending that it came from Brent Watson;
17 correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. This is how you sent the fake Bank of America statement to
20 Harvey Newkirk; right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. I would like to show you Defense Exhibit 473.

23 Do you see it?

24 A. Oh, yes.

25 Q. Do you recognize it?

FC1VNEW4

C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. I do.

2 Q. What is it?

3 A. An E-mail from me to Harvey that attaches a Merrill Lynch
4 letter.

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 473 into evidence.

6 MR. ADAMS: No objection.

7 THE COURT: Received.

8 (Defendant's Exhibit 473 received in evidence)

9 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

10 Q. This is an e-mail from you to Harvey Newkirk on
11 December 17, 2013?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. And you write to him, "Harvey, please confirm receipt";
14 correct?

15 A. I did.

16 Q. And to that what you are forwarding is another e-mail from
17 Rod Jones?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. That is not actually from Rod Jones?

20 A. No.

21 Q. You made this fake bogus chain?

22 A. Yes, ma'am.

23 Q. You made it to say Rod Jones and you wrote his e-mail
24 HotRodJones72; is that correct?

25 A. That is correct.

FC1VNEW4

C. R. Darden - cross

1 Q. You have that going from HotRodJones to yourself?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And you have pretended that HotRodJones is writing to you
4 and saying, "Here you go"?

5 A. Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we see the attachment.

7 Q. This is a letter that you wrote pretending to be Roderick
8 Jones?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And that you addressed to Mr. Newkirk?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you signed?

13 A. I did.

14 Q. And this is on some of the letterhead you had in your
15 house; correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And the way you sent this to Mr. Newkirk was the e-mail we
18 just saw; right?

19 A. Yeah -- yes.

20 Q. I would also like to show you 579.

21 Do you recognize it?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. What is it?

24 A. Another e-mail that I sent from Harvey that attaches a
25 Merrill Lynch letter purportedly from Roderick Jones, but it

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 wasn't. It was many from me.

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 579 into evidence.

3 MR. ADAMS: No objection.

4 THE COURT: Received.

5 (Defendant's Exhibits 579 received in evidence)

6 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

7 Q. This is an e-mail from you to Mr. Newkirk on December 19th,
8 2013; correct?

9 A. Yes, it is.

10 Q. And you write to him, Harvey, please see attachment below.

11 Thanks, Calvin.

12 Right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What you are forwarding him as you just said is another
15 totally bogus e-mail you made up?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You once again wrote in Rod Jones; correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You wrote that in the HotRodJones72 e-mail?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. You pretended that HotRodJones is e-mailing you; right?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. What you wrote pretending to be HotRodJones, This is the
24 best -- in all caps -- that I could get got... good luck in
25 closing your deal, exclamation point; right?

FC1VNEW4

C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. I did.

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we see the attachment.

3 Q. This is another letter that you wrote on Merrill Lynch
4 letterhead; correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And that you signed; correct?

7 A. Oh, yes. I am sorry.

8 Q. You are pretending to be Jonathan Quinn this time?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. A branch manager?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you address this letter to Mr. Newkirk?

13 A. I did.

14 Q. This e-mail is the way you gave Mr. Newkirk this letter;
15 right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. I would like to show you defense 422.

18 A. I have it.

19 Q. Do you recognize it?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. What is it?

22 A. An e-mail from me to Harvey confirming -- basically
23 confirming the receipt of the e-mail that he had just sent to
24 me.

25 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 422 into evidence.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 MR. ADAMS: No objection.

2 THE COURT: Received.

3 (Defendant's Exhibit 442 received in evidence)

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: Please publish 422.

5 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

6 Q. This is an e-mail at the bottom from Harvey Newkirk on
7 January 17, 2014; correct?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. He writes, I am writing in reference to the action filed by
10 Open Gate against the various Darden parties. Please confirm
11 by reply e-mail that although we accepted service on your
12 behalf, you advised us that you were going to seek alternate
13 litigation counsel and did find counsel which you wished to
14 engage.

15 That is what he writes; correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And you respond that same day, January 17th, 2014 at
18 1:29 p.m.; correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you respond from your G-Mail address?

21 A. I did.

22 Q. You also copy CDardenTheReignInk; correct?

23 A. I did.

24 Q. You write, Confirmed. Thank you.

25 Correct?

FC1VNEW4

C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. I did.

2 Q. Mr. Darden, last week you testified about a 404 phone
3 number that you had so you could pretend to be your father;
4 correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. 404 is the area code for Atlanta?

7 A. It is.

8 Q. You were not living in Atlanta?

9 A. I was not.

10 Q. You opened this phone number and this account in May of
11 2013; correct?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. And you did it so that you could call people and pretend to
14 be your father; correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. You did in fact use that phone number and pretend to be
17 your father; correct?

18 A. Yes, ma'am.

19 Q. And you were asked last week regarding this phone number at
20 the bottom of 850, line 25:

21 "Q. Have you ever impersonated your father with the intent of
22 fooling Mr. Newkirk?

23 "A. I have not.

24 "Q. Have you ever placed a three-way telephone call to this
25 4067 number while Mr. Newkirk was on the phone?

FC1VNEW4

C. R. Darden - cross

1 "A. I believe so."

2 Was that your testimony?

3 A. It was.

4 Q. Is that still your testimony?

5 A. It is.

6 Q. I would like to show you 505.

7 A. I have it.

8 Q. Do you recognize it?

9 A. I do.

10 Q. What is it?

11 A. It's an e-mail that I sent to Harvey and Barbara.

12 Q. Is it about this phone number?

13 A. It is.

14 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 505 into evidence.

15 MR. ADAMS: No objection.

16 THE COURT: Received.

17 (Defendant's Exhibit 505 received in evidence)

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: Please publish 505.

19 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

20 Q. At the top of this e-mail it is from you to Harvey Newkirk
21 and LaurenceMedia@AOL; correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Is that Barbara Laurence?

24 A. It is.

25 Q. It is dated September 2nd, 2013?

FC1VNEW4

C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And the subject is regarding forward Project Beta; correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You write, Good morning, Harvey and Barbara. For whatever
5 reason neither of my cell phones are working here, but I
6 highjacked my father's cell while we're here for the week.
7 Please call me any time at 404-227-4067. I am also available
8 through e-mail.

9 That is what you said?

10 A. Yes, ma'am.

11 Q. This is while you were in the Bahamas with your father?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. When you signed the personal guarantee?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. This is an e-mail of you telling Barbara and Harvey that
16 that is your father's cell phone?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I want to turn your attention to November 12th, which is
19 the date that you spoke to Mark Weinberg. I would like to show
20 you DX 479, which the government might tell me is already in
21 evidence.

22 A. I have it.

23 THE COURT: Are you offering it?

24 MS. CHAUDHRY: Yes.

25 THE COURT: They are not objecting so it is received.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 (Defendant's Exhibit 479 received in evidence)

2 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

3 Q. I would like to show the DX 479, please.

4 This is the receipt for your purchase of the spoof
5 app; right?

6 A. Yes, ma'am.

7 Q. And you said that you made this from your wife's PayPal
8 account?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And your wife didn't make this purchase; right?

11 A. No.

12 Q. And the receipt is sent from Suhai7@AOL.com. Is that your
13 wife?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So she forwarded you the receipt?

16 A. I don't remember if she forwarded it to me, but I have
17 access to her account. I could have done it myself, but she
18 very well may have. I am not sure.

19 Q. Harvey Newkirk is not copied on this receipt, is he?

20 A. No, ma'am.

21 Q. You also received an e-mail about the log-in information
22 for this account?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. That also went to your wife's e-mail address?

25 A. It did.

FC1VNEW4

C. R. Darden - cross

1 Q. It got forwarded to you?

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. And Mr. Newkirk was not copied on that e-mail?

4 A. No, he wasn't.

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we see 480, please?

6 Q. Can you please look at 480.

7 A. I have it.

8 Q. Is that the e-mail with the log-in information?

9 A. It is.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 480.

11 MR. ADAMS: No objection.

12 THE COURT: Received.

13 (Defendant's Exhibit 480 received in evidence)

14 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

15 Q. It is from Suhai7 to Honeybunny. Is that you?

16 A. It is.

17 Q. And again this is your log-in information to the spoof
18 account?

19 A. Yes, ma'am.

20 Q. You testified that you sent the test e-mail to make sure
21 this works to yourself; correct?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. You did not send the test e-mail to Harvey Newkirk?

24 A. Not at all.

25 Q. Nor did you forward the successful test to him, did you?

FC1VNEW4

C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. I did not.

2 Q. The only e-mail he got was the actual spoof; right?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. And you agree that you did not tell Mr. Newkirk that you
5 were going to send him a spoof e-mail; right?

6 A. I agree.

7 Q. I would like to show you 481, which might be in evidence as
8 a government exhibit.

9 MS. CHAUDHRY: It apparently is an exhibit so if the
10 government can publish it.

11 MR. ADAMS: There is no objection.

12 THE COURT: Received.

13 (Defendant's Exhibit 481 received in evidence)

14 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

15 Q. This is the e-mail that you sent asking if everything is
16 okay?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. He did not reply to this e-mail, did he?

19 A. No. Um, no. He called me later in the day. He did not
20 reply by e-mail to this e-mail if that is what you mean.

21 Q. He did not reply by e-mail to this e-mail?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. Mr. Darden, in addition to the lies we've already talked
24 about that you were telling people for this deal, you also lied
25 to someone named Joel who wanted to buy the Coca-Cola building;

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 correct?

2 A. I did.

3 Q. You were pretending to be your father and try to connect
4 him with the Coca-Cola people?

5 A. With Joel I am not sure if he spoke -- when I spoke to Joel
6 I believe I spoke to Joel as myself. E-mails might be
7 different, but I believe I spoke to Joel as myself.

8 Q. You e-mailed with Joel pretending to be your father?

9 A. I believe that to be true.

10 Q. There are a series of e-mails where you send him fake
11 e-mails about the coke building?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. You forward these to Brad Reifler?

14 A. I did.

15 Q. And Mr. Newkirk is not on any of those e-mails; right?

16 A. I don't believe he is.

17 Q. Nor did you forward any of those to Mr. Newkirk?

18 A. I don't think so.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 Q. I want to talk to you about Shaul Greenwald.

2 Last week you testified that he's somebody you met
3 with as a potential investor; correct?

4 A. Yes, ma'am.

5 Q. You testified that he was deciding whether to be a debt or
6 equity investor; correct?

7 A. Yeah, he was -- he was -- well, it was -- it was going to
8 work out where he was going to be a little of both. He was
9 going to have an equity stake, but the money that he was
10 putting up was going to have to be returned. So it was kind of
11 a hybrid.

12 Q. Last week you testified at 924, line 4:

13 "Q. What was the purpose of that meeting?

14 "A. To -- so Shaul was interested in getting involved in the
15 Maxim deal. He wanted to hear about it, right, hear about a
16 vision for it, what we were going to be doing different than
17 the previous owners didn't do different. So we had a meeting
18 to essentially, you know, lay that out."

19 Was that your testimony?

20 A. Yes, ma'am.

21 Q. Is that what the meeting was about?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. The vision for Maxim?

24 A. It was.

25 Q. And you met with him in person; correct?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you sat in the same room with him?

3 A. I did.

4 Q. What you told him was lies, right?

5 A. I don't -- well -- not necessarily. So that when we talked
6 about the vision, my vision for it wasn't a lie, that was what
7 I wanted to do with it. So I have to say no.

8 Q. Okay. Did you also tell him that your father was putting
9 up collateral for the deal?

10 A. I don't remember if we spoke about collateral at that
11 meeting. I'm not entirely sure. We very well could have. I'm
12 not -- I don't remember.

13 Q. After that meeting, you called Mr. Greenwald pretending to
14 be your father, right?

15 A. I did.

16 Q. And you lied to him on that deal because you were
17 pretending to be your father, right?

18 A. I did.

19 Q. You testified that you used your real voice, right?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. That you didn't bother changing it?

22 A. I did not.

23 Q. That's the same voice you are using right now?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. The same intonation you are using right now?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Same intonation. I probably spoke slower, right, and made
2 maybe a point not to use any slang or young slang. Intonation.
3 I mean I'm not certain.

4 Q. You didn't deepen your voice, did you?

5 A. Deepen my voice, no.

6 Q. Did you use the same voice tone that you're using with the
7 jury right now?

8 A. I would say for the most part.

9 Q. And you agree that you were lying to Shaul Greenwald on the
10 phone?

11 A. I was.

12 Q. And then you testified that you laughed about that?

13 A. No, I didn't laugh about lying to him. Harvey and I had a
14 conversation about whether or not I was going to change my
15 voice. It was a joke made up. We laughed about, you know,
16 just kind of about the situation about, No, I'm not going to
17 change my voice, ha ha. Like that. I didn't laugh about lying
18 to him.

19 Q. So you were laughing about talking to Shaul Greenwald on
20 the phone right after you met him and not even bothering
21 changing your voice?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. From the NBA deal, which was a fraud, you took \$500,000
24 from this person Melvin, right?

25 A. Yes.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 Q. And you also took \$175,000 from Richard Lauck, right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. That money ended up in the Merrill Lynch Reign account,
4 didn't it?

5 A. Which one are you referring -- so -- I had a couple of
6 accounts. I'm not entirely sure, but it very well could have.

7 Q. You then proceeded to purchase a Porsche from the BMW
8 dealership; correct?

9 A. I don't know if it was during that time, but I did purchase
10 a Porsche.

11 Q. In 2012 you purchased a Porsche; correct?

12 A. So what you -- you just mentioned Rich Lauck, who I met in,
13 I don't know, 2013. Then you say, And then you went on to
14 purchase a Porsche. But the Porsche was purchased in 2012
15 so --

16 Q. When did you take the money from Melvin?

17 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

18 Asked and answered and cumulative.

19 THE COURT: And what?

20 MR. ADAMS: Cumulative. More generally of this
21 particular line I think has already been covered.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, may we approach?

24 THE COURT: No.

25 Q. You created a series of false documents with Eric Flewellyn

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 in order to purchase that Porsche, right?

2 A. I don't know if it was for that Porsche, I'm not -- I'm not
3 certain.

4 Q. I'd like to show you Defense Exhibit 367 please. I'm
5 sorry, that's the wrong exhibit.

6 Eric Flewellyn created for you a series of fake Chase
7 bank statements; correct?

8 A. He did.

9 Q. That were showing three months of Chase bank activity;
10 correct?

11 A. I believe so, yes.

12 Q. And that was completely bogus, right?

13 A. Yeah, everything with Eric was completely bogus.

14 Q. He also created a W-2 for Reign; correct?

15 A. He did.

16 Q. And that you submitted to Porsche to get the loan to buy
17 that car, right?

18 A. I don't know -- I don't know if he submitted it or not, I'm
19 not sure. I don't know if I -- I don't even know if I got that
20 car. I'm not certain, but he did -- that document was -- was
21 made.

22 Q. And he also made a fake ADP statement for you; correct?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. That was showing earnings of yours through Reign; correct?

25 A. I'm sure, yes.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 Q. That was totally fake, right?

2 A. Everything from Eric was totally fake.

3 Q. And that was submitted to BMW Financial Services in an
4 effort to get a loan for the Porsche; correct?

5 A. I'm not sure if we submitted it to him. I'm not sure.

6 Q. In 2013, you purchased a Mercedes SLS AMG; correct?

7 A. I did.

8 Q. That's the one where the doors open on the side like the
9 *Back to the Future* car, right?

10 A. They do.

11 Q. And that car is \$220,000?

12 A. Probably, yes.

13 Q. Payments for that car were made out of the Reign Merrill
14 Lynch account; correct?

15 A. Or it could have been. I had another account, so I'm
16 not -- I'm not certain. But very well -- that's very possible.
17 I'm not certain.

18 Q. And you submitted some fake documents to get that car,
19 right?

20 A. Again, I'm not -- I'm not certain.

21 Q. Did you send more -- did you send bank statements for it?

22 A. I don't remember. I know I had to -- like with that car I
23 had to trade in the car that I had previously and I paid a lot
24 in cash. I don't remember what was submitted. I really -- I
25 really am not sure.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 Q. And the car previously is you mean the Porsche, right?

2 A. It actually was the Porsche, but it wasn't -- so it was a
3 Porsche. I did not get that Porsche from Eric. So it wasn't
4 the same one that you just referenced. But it was a Porsche,
5 that's correct.

6 Q. You got that Porsche from a BMW dealership, right?

7 A. No, I believe I got that Porsche from a Porsche dealership.

8 Q. Okay. And that was a financed deal, right? That's the one
9 you were looking for a cosigner for?

10 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

11 Relevance. 403.

12 THE COURT: Sustained.

13 Q. I want to talk to you about the people you impersonated as
14 part of this deal.

15 You agree Roderick Jones is one of them; correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And Greg Watson is one of them?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Your father is one?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Your mother is one?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Your wife?

24 A. I'm not certain, but --

25 Q. When you went on using her PayPal account and bought

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 something, was that with her authorization?

2 A. That's not pretending to be her. I had access to the
3 account. I told her I need to use the PayPal account. So I
4 don't -- so I would say no, that's not pretending to be my
5 wife.

6 Q. She gave you permission to use her account to buy this
7 spoof app?

8 A. I would tell her, Hey, this is what I'm doing if you see
9 it, okay. So yeah.

10 Q. You also impersonated Shirley Franklin, the ex-mayor of
11 Atlanta?

12 A. Did I impersonate her? I don't remember impersonating
13 Shirley Franklin.

14 Q. I'd like to show you what's been marked as Defense Exhibit
15 483 and 484.

16 Have you looked at both of those?

17 A. I have.

18 Q. What are they?

19 A. Emails with me pretending to be Shirley sent to her.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 483 and 484 into evidence.

21 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

22 Cumulative.

23 THE COURT: Overruled.

24 Received.

25 (Defendant's Exhibits 484, 484 received in evidence)

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we can go to the second page.

2 Q. The second page is an entire bogus exchange between Steve
3 White, the president of Comcast Cable, right?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. You made this up?

6 A. I made up the exchange, not the information. So the
7 information I took off of Comcast website; so that was true
8 information. But I made up the chain.

9 Q. Right.

10 And the bottom, you are pretending to be Steve White?

11 A. Yes. Absolutely.

12 Q. Right.

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we could go back to the first page.

14 Q. And then you pretend at the bottom that it's Steve White
15 actually writing to Shirley; correct?

16 A. Yes, that's correct.

17 Q. Shirley Franklin.

18 And then the next email is you pretending to be your
19 mom, pretending to write to your dad -- sorry. The next email
20 is you pretending to be Shirley Franklin pretending to write to
21 your dad, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And then above that you pretend to be your father writing
24 to yourself?

25 A. Yes.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 Q. And then you forward that whole thing to Shane McMahon;
2 correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. He's one of the victims here?

5 A. He is.

6 Q. Mr. Newkirk is not on any of these emails, is he?

7 A. No.

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: 484 please.

9 Q. This is just another email from you to Shane referring to
10 this email chain below, right?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. You are telling him about these other people that are also
13 involved, Allen Danenbaum, senior vice president of
14 programming; correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. He was not involved in your conversations, was he?

17 A. Not at all.

18 Q. Mr. Newkirk is not on that email, is he?

19 A. No, ma'am.

20 Q. So you also impersonated Steve White, the president of
21 Comcast Cable?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You impersonated your father's oncologist, Dr. Ruddy?

24 A. Can you repeat that?

25 Q. You impersonated your father's oncologist --

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. I did.

2 Q. -- Dr. Ruddy?

3 A. I did.

4 Q. You impersonated Jeff Henderson, the CFO of Cardinal
5 Health?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you had actually prepared a long email chain pretending
8 to be Jeff Henderson so that your father can do a hardship
9 withdrawal of his stock, right?

10 A. Yes, ma'am.

11 Q. You impersonated John Mulligan of Target?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. You impersonated someone named Alma from Bank of America?

14 A. I did.

15 Q. And Alma is actually someone who just works at your
16 dentist's office, right?

17 A. I have no idea.

18 Q. Where did you get the name?

19 A. I think Alma is actually the person that works at Merrill
20 Lynch.

21 Q. You impersonated Mark Weinberg?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. You impersonated Lynn O'Brien from Coca-Cola in your emails
24 with Joel about selling the Coke building, right?

25 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. Now, we just saw the emails about you impersonating Shirley
2 Franklin. She's a family friend of yours; correct?

3 A. She is.

4 Q. She's a close friend of your mother's?

5 A. No. My father more so.

6 Q. You recently saw her, didn't you? You saw her at her son's
7 funeral in Atlanta; correct?

8 A. I did.

9 Q. And at that funeral, you told people that you were not
10 worried about this case and you're not going to jail, didn't
11 you?

12 A. I don't recall that at all.

13 Q. You saw many of your classmates from Morehouse at that
14 funeral, didn't you?

15 A. I did.

16 Q. And when you attended that funeral, you stayed at your
17 parents' house; correct?

18 A. I did.

19 Q. With friends of yours?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Kevin Valentine?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Who else?

24 A. Trevor Baldwin.

25 Q. And how many days did you stay with your parents?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Three, four, two. I'm not sure.

2 Q. Mr. Darden, isn't it a fact that you also created a fake
3 email address for Harvey Newkirk?

4 A. It is.

5 Q. In fact, on September 9th of 2011, you created the email
6 address hnewkirk1@gmail?

7 A. I did.

8 Q. And you registered the name belonging to that as Harvey
9 Newkirk?

10 A. Whatever it -- I don't remember what the name was, but yes.

11 Q. Mr. Darden, you are married; correct?

12 A. I am.

13 Q. When did you get married?

14 A. 2007.

15 Q. Do you have any children with your wife?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. How many?

18 A. One.

19 Q. You have a daughter?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. She lives with you?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you also have a son with your wife?

24 A. No, I have a stepson with my wife.

25 Q. As far as you know, does your family know that you're

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 married?

2 A. Yes.

3 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

4 Speculation. Relevance.

5 THE COURT: Sustained.

6 Q. Has your wife gone on any family vacations with you?

7 A. Yes.

8 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

9 Relevance.

10 THE COURT: Sustained.

11 Q. Has your wife met your mother?

12 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

13 Relevance.

14 MS. CHAUDHRY: The next question will be relevant.

15 THE COURT: Well, I'll allow that question
16 contingently. So we'll see what the next question is.

17 But the question pending is to your knowledge, has
18 your wife met your mother?

19 A. She has.

20 Q. Your wife impersonated your mother on the phone to Shane
21 McMahon, one of the victims in the Maxim deal, didn't she?

22 A. Maybe. I'm not sure.

23 Q. You told the government?

24 A. Maybe so.

25 Q. You told the government on April 14th, 2014 that your wife

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1 called Shane McMahon and pretended to be your mother, didn't
2 you?

3 A. I believe so.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, I don't know what time the
5 Court likes to take its afternoon break, so I'm just asking.

6 THE COURT: Another ten minutes.

7 Q. Mr. Darden, the government executed a search warrant in
8 your home, didn't they, after you were arrested?

9 A. It was before I was actually arrested, yes, they did.

10 Q. That's the home you live in with your wife; correct?

11 A. We don't live there anymore, but --

12 Q. That was where you were living with your wife?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And your daughter?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How old is she?

17 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

18 Relevance.

19 THE COURT: Sustained.

20 Q. That is the home in which there were reams of Merrill Lynch
21 letterhead; correct?

22 A. I think I answered that. I'm not sure about reams. I
23 don't recall that.

24 Q. How many pages would you estimate were in your apartment of
25 Merrill Lynch letterhead?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. I thought it was all on the computer, so I would say none.
2 But again, I wasn't there. I'm really not sure. There could
3 have been a lot, there could have been none. So something I
4 did on my computer.

5 Q. There were hard copies found in your apartment; correct?

6 A. I'm not sure. I don't know what they took from there, so I
7 guess you would have to ask the government.

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: The government stipulates that there
9 were hard copies found.

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. There were 19 different pages of pre-notarized paper;
12 correct?

13 A. I can't say correct. I don't know what was taken.

14 THE COURT: If the government wants to stipulate to
15 something at this point, that's fine. They don't have to; no
16 party is required to stipulate. He's already indicated he has
17 no particular memory of this. So either arrive at a
18 stipulation or move on.

19 Do you want to confer with the government for a
20 minute?

21 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, we're willing to stipulate
22 that particular documents were found in Mr. Darden's house.

23 THE COURT: Okay. All right. So let's do that.

24 Go ahead. Which documents do you want to introduce?

25 MS. CHAUDHRY: DX 709 and 710.

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1 THE COURT: Okay. Any objection?

2 MR. ADAMS: Not to authenticity, but to on grounds of
3 cumulativeness --

4 THE COURT: On grounds of?

5 MR. ADAMS: Both it is cumulative under 403; and to
6 the extent it is going to impeachment, it's extrinsic under
7 608(b).

8 THE COURT: It's not going to impeachment, I don't
9 think, but it is relevant. And the 403 objection is overruled.

10 So 709 and 710 are received.

11 (Defendant's Exhibits 709, 710 received in evidence)

12 MS. CHAUDHRY: We can show these to the jury.

13 709, because these are photocopies -- they are
14 actually ten pages; we'd like to look at every single one
15 please.

16 Q. These were found in your house.

17 This is a certificate of conformity notarized by
18 Cinque Axam in Georgia; correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: The next page please.

21 Q. This is another page notarized by Cinque Axam in Georgia;
22 correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 MS. CHAUDHRY: The next page please.

25 Q. This is another page notarized by the same person?

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1 A. Yes.

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

3 Q. This is a different page notarized by the same person?

4 A. Yes.

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

6 Q. This is a different page notarized by Cinque Axam; correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

9 Q. Mr. Darden, I should have pointed out that in all of these
10 pages, you have signed -- that's your signature; correct?

11 A. It is.

12 Q. You're signing as Calvin R. Darden Senior; correct?

13 A. It says -- yes, that's correct.

14 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

15 Q. Again, you're signing as Calvin R. Darden Senior notarized
16 by Cinque Axam?

17 A. That's correct.

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

19 Q. This is another of your signatures notarized by Cinque
20 Axam?

21 A. Correct.

22 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

23 Q. Again, you sign Calvin Darden Senior and it is -- and
24 there's actually a blank for you to sign that's Calvin Darden
25 Junior that is not signed, right, on this one?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Is there a blank for --

2 Q. At the top, does it say Calvin Darden Junior and have a
3 signature line?

4 A. It does.

5 Q. And that is not signed, right?

6 A. It is not.

7 Q. It's only signed for Calvin Darden Senior, and that's your
8 signature, right?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. It's also notarized by Cinque Adams?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And I'd like to show you defense 710.

13 These are notarized pages also from Georgia from a
14 different notary named Gregory Peace; correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. This again is signed by you pretending to be Calvin R.
17 Darden Senior; correct?

18 A. That's correct.

19 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

20 Q. Same. Signed by you pretending to be Calvin R. Darden
21 Senior?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Notarized by Gregory Peace.

24 A. Correct.

25 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

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1 Q. This is another example you signing on behalf of Calvin R.
2 Darden Senior notarized by Gregory Peace?

3 A. It is.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: The next page.

5 Q. Same thing, you signing?

6 A. Same thing.

7 Q. Notarized by --

8 A. Yes, ma'am.

9 Q. -- Gregory Peace.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

11 Q. You signed, notarized by Gregory Peace?

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

14 Q. You forged your dad's signature, notarized by Gregory
15 Peace?

16 A. Correct.

17 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

18 Q. You forged your dad's signature, notarized by Gregory
19 Peace?

20 A. Yes, ma'am.

21 MS. CHAUDHRY: The next page.

22 Q. You're signing your dad's signature, notarized by Gregory
23 Peace; is that correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 THE COURT: All right.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 If you want to take a break now, this will probably be
2 a good time. So we'll take a 15-minute break at this time.

3 (Jury excused)

4 THE COURT: You can step down. We'll see you in 15
5 minutes.

6 (Witness excused)

7 THE COURT: Ms. Chaudhry, you have, just so you know,
8 one hour and six months left on the greatly expanded time limit
9 that I gave.

10 Also I received the government's comments on the
11 proposed charge. Now, you have till 5 o'clock, but I assume
12 that the defense is going to be submitting something.

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: Yeah, that's part of -- our office is
14 emailing Mr. Infallible soon or --

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 I'll need that at 5 because I have to go teach at
17 Columbia and I want to look at them tonight so we can have the
18 charging conference some time tomorrow.

19 MS. CHAUDHRY: I thought our charging conference was
20 today at 5.

21 THE COURT: Well, it's not going to be possible
22 because of other commitments.

23 MS. CHAUDHRY: I'm sorry. You have to be there at 5?

24 THE COURT: Excuse me?

25 MS. CHAUDHRY: You have to be there at 5?

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1 THE COURT: I need your comments, as I indicated a
2 week ago --

3 MS. CHAUDHRY: You will have them.

4 THE COURT: -- by 5 p.m.

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: Yes.

6 THE COURT: But we will not have the charging
7 conference till tomorrow. But I need to look at them. If you
8 prefer that I don't look at them, that's fine. But if you want
9 me to look at it, since I have to leave to teach at Columbia at
10 5:30, and it turns out I have another matter from 5 to 5:30.

11 All right. Very good. We'll see you in 15 minutes.

12 (Recess)

13 THE COURT: Okay. Let's get the witness on the stand;
14 let's bring in the jury.

15 (Jury present)

16 THE COURT: All right, counsel.

17 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

18 Q. Mr. Darden, the government has stipulated that Defense
19 Exhibits 704, 705, 706, 707, 711, 712, and 714 were all found
20 in your home upon execution of a search warrant.

21 Would you please look at 704.

22 A. I see it.

23 Q. What is it?

24 A. A guaranteed contract.

25 Q. Is it signed by you?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Not on the second page or third page.

2 Q. Keep going.

3 A. Which page --

4 Q. Do you see your signature anywhere?

5 A. So yes, on the last page, last two.

6 Q. Is it signed by you pretending to be your father?

7 A. It is.

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 704.

9 MR. ADAMS: Same objections as previously for the
10 record, but understood that it is overruled.

11 THE COURT: All right. Received.

12 (Defendant's Exhibit 704 received in evidence)

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: Please publish 704.

14 Q. Mr. Darden, this is a guarantee for Calvin Darden Senior in
15 the top quadrant there, it says that; correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. That's your father?

18 A. It is.

19 MS. CHAUDHRY: And if we can blow up the bottom third.

20 Q. It is a guarantee for \$1.6 million; correct?

21 A. It is.

22 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we could please flip through the
23 pages.

24 Q. This page crosses out the state where it's created and says
25 New York and County of Richmond; correct?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. But it's the same document, right, otherwise?

3 A. It is.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

5 Q. This is signed by you pretending to be your father;
6 correct?

7 A. It is.

8 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

9 Q. And it's notarized; correct?

10 A. Yes, ma'am.

11 Q. And it's notarized in New York; correct?

12 A. It is.

13 Q. This is a guarantee for \$1.6 million that is not related to
14 this case, is it?

15 A. No.

16 Q. This is dated October 24th, 2011, right?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Your father did not authorize you to guarantee \$1.6 million
19 at that time, did he?

20 A. He did not. No, ma'am.

21 Q. I'd like to show you -- I'd like you to look at 705.

22 A. I have it.

23 Q. What is it?

24 A. Direction to pay loan.

25 Q. From whom and to whom?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. John Mulligan. The undersigned is confirmed by John
2 Mulligan in email dated, very truly yours, Calvin Darden.

3 So from John Mulligan to me purporting to be my
4 father.

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer Defense 705.

6 MR. ADAMS: Same objections, but same understanding.

7 THE COURT: Received.

8 (Defendant's Exhibit 705 received in evidence)

9 MS. CHAUDHRY: Please publish 705.

10 Q. Mr. Darden, this is -- actually at the bottom it says:
11 Very truly yours, Calvin Darden, Calvin R. Darden Senior;
12 correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. So this is from Calvin R. Darden Senior to Target Corp.,
15 that's who the "you" is on the top? Right? It says Target
16 Corp. you?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And it's a reference to -- and it's not executed, it is
19 dated in January of 2014; correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. It says: Reference is made to the loan to be advanced by
22 you -- and above it it says you as Target Corp. -- to the
23 undersigned Darden as confirmed by John Mulligan, chief
24 financial officer. That is somebody you impersonated in this
25 case, right?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And it refers to an email dated January 21st, 2014, right?

3 A. It does.

4 Q. That is an email that you created; correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And this is authorizing -- this draft would authorize
7 Target to pay proceeds of a loan by wire transfer; correct?

8 A. That's correct.

9 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we see the next page please.

10 Q. This is also a direction from your father this time to
11 Cardinal Health; correct?

12 A. It is.

13 Q. And this is you drafting a document directing Cardinal
14 Health to pay \$3.2 million towards a loan for your father;
15 correct?

16 A. No, I didn't draft -- you said this is me drafting. I
17 didn't draft this.

18 Q. This document says that Cardinal Health is authorized --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- to send \$3.2 million, right? And it's Calvin R. Darden
21 Senior, right?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And as the government stipulated, this is found in your --
24 I'd like you to look at 706, please.

25 A. I have it.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 Q. What are they?

2 A. Limited liability interest power.

3 Q. And limited liability in what company?

4 A. Darden Media Holdings. It also says Darden Media Group.

5 So one or the other or both.

6 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 706.

7 MR. ADAMS: Same objection and understanding.

8 THE COURT: Received.

9 (Defendant's Exhibit 706 received in evidence)

10 Q. These are executed by you; correct?

11 A. They are.

12 Q. Pertaining to your father?

13 A. Yes, ma'am.

14 Q. And these are limited liability company interest powers;
15 correct?

16 A. They are.

17 MS. CHAUDHRY: See the next page please.

18 Q. That's also you signing pertaining to your dad?

19 A. Correct.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

21 Q. That's another signature of yours pertaining to your dad?

22 A. It is.

23 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

24 Q. Same thing. You signing pertaining to your father?

25 A. Same thing.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

2 Next page.

3 Next page.

4 Next page.

5 That's it.

6 Q. If you could please look at 707.

7 What are these?

8 A. It says certificate for Darden Media Group.

9 Q. Have you signed these pertaining to your father?

10 A. Yes.

11 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 707.

12 MR. ADAMS: The government has the same position, your
13 Honor.

14 THE COURT: Received.

15 (Defendant's Exhibit 707 received in evidence)

16 MS. CHAUDHRY: If we can just show the pages with the
17 signatures please.

18 Q. That's your signature pretending to be your father?

19 A. It is.

20 Q. And the other one? That's also your signature pretending
21 to be your father?

22 A. It is.

23 Q. I'd like to show you -- I'd like you to look at 711 please.

24 A. I see it.

25 Q. What is it?

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 A. Signature page.

2 Q. Of you forging your father's signature?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 711 please.

5 MR. ADAMS: Same position.

6 THE COURT: Same ruling. Received.

7 (Defendant's Exhibit 711 received in evidence)

8 Q. Mr. Darden, this is 39 pages. We're going to show the jury
9 every single one.

10 This is you signing as your father on page 1?

11 A. They are.

12 Q. And page 2?

13 A. Same.

14 Q. Page 3?

15 A. Same.

16 Q. Page 4?

17 A. Same.

18 Q. Page 5?

19 A. Same.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: Sorry, page 5, can we go back to page

21 5.

22 Q. Page 5 is just a signature with a block and there's no
23 document attached, right? It's just a signature page?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Right.

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C. R. Darden - cross

1 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

2 Q. That's your signature pretending to be your father?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. On this one also there is no document reference, it's just
5 a signature page ready to go?

6 A. That's correct.

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

8 Q. That's your signature at the bottom?

9 A. It is.

10 Q. Pretending to be your father?

11 A. Yes.

12 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

13 Q. That's your signature?

14 A. It is.

15 Q. Pretending to be your father?

16 A. It is.

17 MS. CHAUDHRY: Next page.

18 Q. This is another page of no document attached, just a
19 signature page; correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 (Continued on next page)

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

2 Q. And it is you pretending to your father?

3 A. It is.

4 Q. Next page. On this page you have signed three times
5 pretending to your father; correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. On this one there is no -- also it is just a signature page
8 and no other --

9 A. That is because I wasn't just sent the whole document. I
10 was sent the signature page and asked to send the signature
11 page. So, yes.

12 Q. Next page. This is the same page and you are signing three
13 different ways?

14 A. Yes, three different ways. I am signing it the same, but
15 it is three signature lines. That is correct.

16 Q. Can we go to the one before that. Sorry. The one before.

17 This page and the next page are the same, but you're
18 signatures are different; right?

19 A. Are the signatures -- I was signing the documents very
20 quickly. They are not meant to be different. I am -- each
21 signature is purported to be Calvin R. Darden Senior and I am
22 signing the document. So there is no -- I wasn't trying to
23 make, you know, any differentiation between one signature and
24 the other.

25 Q. We'll flip through the rest. Please keep going. Is that

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1 your signature?

2 A. Yes, it is.

3 Q. Next page. Is that your signature?

4 A. It is.

5 Q. Next page. That is your signature?

6 A. It is.

7 Q. Next page. That is your signature?

8 A. It is.

9 Q. Next page. That's your signature?

10 A. Same, yes.

11 Q. Next page. That is your signature?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Next page. That's your signature?

14 A. It is.

15 Q. Next page. That's your signature?

16 A. It is.

17 Q. Next page. That's you?

18 A. Same.

19 Q. Next page. Well, now, these are different.

20 MR. ADAMS: Objection. Sorry. This is vague I think
21 or mischaracterizing.

22 Q. The past three pages we have seen are Calvin R. Darden
23 Junior?

24 A. Yes, I believe so.

25 Q. That is you?

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. That is you signing as yourself?

3 A. That is me signing as myself. That is why the signature is
4 different from the ones before.

5 Q. Next page. That is you signing as your father?

6 A. That one is hard to say but probably.

7 Q. Next page. That is you signing as your father?

8 A. Believe so.

9 Q. Next page. That is you signing as your father?

10 A. Same.

11 Q. Next page. Is that you signing as your father?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Next page. That you is signing as your father?

14 A. It is.

15 Q. Next page. That is you signing as your father?

16 A. It is.

17 Q. Next page. That is you signing as your father and
18 yourself?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Next page. That is you signing as your father and
21 yourself?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Next page. That is you signing as your father and
24 yourself?

25 A. Yes.

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 Q. Next page. That is you signing as your father?

2 A. That is weird but probably so.

3 Q. Next page. Next page. Next page. Next page. That's it.

4 That you signing as your father?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Next page. That is you signing as your father?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. That is you signing as your father?

9 A. That one looks more like me signing as me. Again, it is
10 hard to say.

11 Q. Next page. Is that you signing as your father?

12 A. It is.

13 Q. Next page. That is you signing as your father?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. If we go back to the page before it, the next page, we just
16 saw the two same pages with two different signatures; right?

17 A. I think those are the same. The one before that, I think
18 that one is different.

19 Q. Next page. That's it.

20 I would like you to look at 712, please.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. What is that?

23 A. It's on Reign letterhead a letter to -- purportedly to a
24 guy at Live Nation but it is not.

25 Q. Who is it signed by?

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 A. That is signed by me.

2 Q. As?

3 A. My father.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 712.

5 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, given the content and date on
6 this, we have a relevance objection that I think is different
7 than the prior objection.

8 THE COURT: Let me take a look.

9 Come to the side bar.

10 (Continued on next page)

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 (At the side bar)

2 THE COURT: So what are you offering this for?

3 MS. CHAUDHRY: This is a separate fraud he is running
4 at the same time with the dates are going to be in April of
5 2013 and there is nothing else that he didn't get charged with
6 even though the government found this and this is clearly him
7 pretending to be his dad writing to this poor guy at Live
8 Nation Comedy about Dave Chappelle and Chris Rock, a show I
9 would have liked to see.

10 MR. ADAMS: At this and point I think it is
11 cumulative. If it is being offered, it is again extrinsic
12 evidence offered for impeachment.

13 THE COURT: If I understand the offer, it is not as
14 impeachment. Well, it is impeachment of a different kind. It
15 is impeachment through prior fraudulent acts as opposed to
16 impeachment to a particular statement that he has made here in
17 court.

18 Now, I am going to allow it, but I must say I am
19 surprised that counsel has convinced me to give her an extended
20 cross-examination, which will end in four minutes to 5:00. It
21 will not go three minutes to 5:00. It not go over until
22 tomorrow. If it is in the middle of a question, it will be
23 ended right there. Despite all that, you've spent a good 15 or
24 20 minutes between before the break and after the break in
25 going through page after page where it could have easily just

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 been said, Are all the signatures fraudulent signatures you
2 signed? You chose to do it your way. That's fine. Believe me
3 the time limit is going to be very strictly enforced.

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: Thank you.

5 (Continued on next page)

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C.R. Darden - cross

1 (In open court; jury present)

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, I offer 712.

3 THE COURT: Yes. The objection is noted, but is
4 overruled. 712 is received.

5 (Defendant's Exhibit 712 received in evidence)

6 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can I please publish it to the jury?

7 THE COURT: Yes.

8 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

9 Q. Mr. Darden, this is a letter on Reign letterhead to Live
10 Nation Comedy; correct?

11 A. It is.

12 Q. To someone named Jeff?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. It is a letter of intent that is about a proposed comedy
15 tour featuring Chris Rock and Dave Chappelle?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And Live Nation?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Go to the second page. That is signed by you pretending to
20 be your father?

21 A. Both. I signed both is what I meant. I am sorry.

22 Q. I don't know what you are saying.

23 A. Both signatures there, I signed both signatures.

24 Q. So this --

25 A. As my father and as Jeff.

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1 Q. You also signed as Jeff?

2 A. I did.

3 Q. Go to the last page. This is a tour that is supposed to be
4 April of 2013; is that correct?

5 A. It is correct that is what it says. There wasn't a tour.

6 Q. Finally I show you 714. What are these?

7 A. Signatures.

8 Q. Of?

9 A. 714?

10 Q. Yes.

11 A. One is Harvey's signature. The other is my signature.

12 Q. Are there two pages?

13 A. There are. The same as the second.

14 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 714.

15 MR. ADAMS: Same objection.

16 THE COURT: Same ruling. Received.

17 (Defendant's Exhibit 714 received in evidence)

18 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

19 Q. Government Exhibit 701, which is in evidence, can we please
20 see page 4 of it.

21 This is a signature page of the agreement between
22 Invictus and Reign Entertainment Group; correct.

23 A. It is. I believe so.

24 Q. If you flip back to the front of that exhibit in your
25 binder, you'll see that this is the document that Mr. Newkirk

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1 sent you; correct?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. And you'll notice on this that for Reign it is signed as
4 Calvin Darden CEO; correct?

5 A. It is.

6 Q. And that is a digital signature of your father's?

7 A. It is.

8 Q. For Invictus it is signed by Harvey Newkirk; correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Underneath it is written in by hand Harvey K. Newkirk,
11 Managing Member; is that correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Those are the same signature pages in your house; right?

14 A. Are they the same signature pages as what?

15 Q. 714 that you just looked at, those are signature pages
16 between Invictus and Reign Entertainment Group?

17 A. They are.

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: I offer 714.

19 MR. ADAMS: Same objection.

20 THE COURT: Same ruling. Received.

21 (Defendant's Exhibit 714 received in evidence)

22 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we please show 714.

23 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

24 Q. So this page that was in your house under Reign
25 Entertainment, it now says it is signed by Calvin Darden,

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1 Junior; correct?

2 A. It does.

3 Q. It says president; right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. That is your signature?

6 A. It is.

7 Q. But the signature of Harvey Newkirk's is taken from that
8 other document, isn't it?

9 A. Is the signature taken -- I don't know what you mean.

10 Q. Mr. Newkirk did not sign this document that you signed, did
11 he?

12 A. I believe he did.

13 Q. You believe he did?

14 A. I believe he did. I have no reason to believe that he
15 didn't.

16 Q. 701 was the actual letter of intent between Reign and
17 Invictus; correct?

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. We just looked at?

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. Is that the one he sent you?

22 A. I don't know if he sent -- yes. I am not sure.

23 Q. You can look at 701.

24 A. If it attaches an e-mail, looking at this one page, I don't
25 know if he sent it to me or not. I think he sent me all the

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1 documents. So I didn't draft any of them myself, right. So I
2 can give you a yes for that.

3 Q. This page as the government stipulated was found in your
4 house?

5 A. I don't know. Again, you would have to ask the government.
6 I don't know what was found in my house.

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we get a side-by-side comparison of
8 the signature page from 701 and this one, please.

9 Q. The one on the right is the one that is in evidence that
10 Mr. Newkirk sent you; correct?

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. The one on the left is as the government stipulated one
13 that was in your house?

14 A. Meaning he did not send it to me.

15 MR. ADAMS: Objection, speculation.

16 THE COURT: Sustained.

17 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we see the second signature page in
18 714.

19 Q. The second page is 714. This one again instead of being
20 signed by Calvin Darden CEO is signed by Calvin Darden Senior,
21 President; correct?

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. Is that your signature?

24 A. It is.

25 Q. Where it says Harvey Newkirk, this time the name is typed;

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1 correct?

2 A. It is.

3 Q. And it says chief executive officer; correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And that is your signature as Harvey Newkirk, isn't it?

6 A. I don't believe so.

7 Q. You don't believe so?

8 A. No, I don't.

9 MS. CHAUDHRY: You can take this down.

10 Q. Mr. Darden, before you got arrested in this case, the
11 agents came by your house and spoke to your wife; correct?

12 A. They did.

13 Q. And they came back the next morning at 6:15 to arrest you;
14 right?

15 A. They did.

16 Q. And you made arrangements not to be there?

17 A. Did I make arrangements not to be there?

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. That is probably correct.

20 Q. And they called you on your phone and you said that you
21 were in Long Island?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. But that was a lie, you were actually in New Jersey?

24 A. No. I was actually in Long Island. I went to New Jersey.
25 I went from Long Island to New Jersey.

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1 Q. You went to a hotel in New Jersey?

2 A. That is where I parked my car. I went to a friend's house
3 in New Jersey.

4 Q. You parked your car and you left it there and you came back
5 to New York City; right?

6 A. I parked. My friend whose house I was at, he called the
7 lawyer friend of his. Him and I went to that lawyer together.
8 He drove. And that lawyer was in the city, yes.

9 Q. When you finally were arrested, you met with Pretrial
10 Services; correct?

11 A. I believe so.

12 Q. And you lied to Pretrial Services and said you had no
13 criminal history; isn't that correct?

14 A. That is not correct.

15 Q. That is not correct?

16 A. That is not correct.

17 Q. You pretended that you couldn't remember your own address
18 when asked by Pretrial Services; correct?

19 A. I would say that is incorrect. I could not remember my
20 address?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. I would say that is incorrect as well.

23 Q. You lied about your trip to the Bahamas to Pretrial
24 Services; isn't that correct?

25 A. I don't remember discussing the trip to the Bahamas with

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1 Pretrial Services. You would have to give me a little bit
2 more.

3 Q. At the time the government asked that you be detained and
4 that five financially responsible people have to sign for you;
5 correct?

6 MR. ADAMS: Objection, relevance.

7 THE COURT: Sustained.

8 Q. You were first on home confinement when you were released
9 after your arrest?

10 A. I was.

11 Q. You were told that you could have no computer access; is
12 that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And you started meeting with the government in April of
15 2014; correct?

16 A. I am not sure of the date.

17 Q. Was it about a month after you were released?

18 A. Probably.

19 Q. You met with them, would you agree, over 15 times?

20 MR. ADAMS: Objection. Asked and answered twice.

21 THE COURT: Sustained.

22 Q. In some of those meetings you lied to the government,
23 haven't you?

24 MR. ADAMS: Objection. Asked and answered.

25 THE COURT: Sustained.

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1 Q. You were told in those meetings it is a crime to lie to a
2 federal agent, weren't you?

3 A. I did. I was.

4 Q. And you testified that you were the only officer of Reign;
5 correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. And on April 14th you told the government that you and your
8 father were officers of Reign; is that true?

9 A. I don't know that I said my father was an officer of Reign.
10 So I cannot say that that is true.

11 Q. You testified in this trial that the \$100 million proof of
12 funds letter is something you created; correct?

13 MR. ADAMS: Objection. That mischaracterizes the
14 testimony.

15 THE COURT: Sustained.

16 Q. Did you create the \$100 million proof of funds letter for
17 Merrill Lynch?

18 A. Did I create it? I took it from a template that was given
19 to me. So if you are asking if I created it, I took it from
20 that template and typed it, you know, here on the computer. So
21 in that sense, yes. But I took it from a template that we
22 discussed last week that was given to me by Harvey.

23 Q. And you told the government also that you literally could
24 not remember who did this letter on April 14th; right?

25 A. I don't recall that either. That I literally could not

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1 remember what exactly.

2 Q. After you met with the government in 2014 they consented to
3 you being released from home confinement?

4 A. After I met with them?

5 Q. After you began meeting with the government?

6 A. No. I wouldn't -- did they consent? I asked my lawyer if
7 she could -- if we can get off home confinement. She said that
8 she would put in a motion. She did that. What the government
9 did after, I am not sure. I don't know if they consented and
10 the judge said it is okay, or they didn't consent and the judge
11 said it's okay. I don't know that.

12 MS. CHAUDHRY: Your Honor, if you could look at
13 Defense 606 that I talked about.

14 THE COURT: So what is it that you want in that
15 regard? If you want me to tell the jury that on August 29th,
16 2014, upon the application of Mr. Darden's counsel but with the
17 consent of the government Mr. Darden's bail conditions were
18 modified so that his term of home confinement was removed, I
19 will so instruct the jury.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: Thank you.

21 THE COURT: So instructed.

22 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

23 Q. Since that condition of home confinement was removed,
24 you've been free to go wherever you want in this district;
25 isn't that correct?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. In fact, you've asked for permission and gotten to travel
3 to Atlanta twice also; right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Including 4th of July for a family visit?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And a September event.

8 And you pled guilty twice in this case, didn't you?

9 A. I believe so.

10 Q. The first time was in November of 2014. That is before you
11 signed your cooperation agreement?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And at that time you were pleading to two federal frauds,
14 right, the Maxim fraud and the MBA fraud?

15 A. Yes, ma'am.

16 Q. At that with the government you did not have a cooperation
17 agreement with them; is that correct?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. The government did give you a letter that informed you that
20 their calculation of your guidelines range is 97 to 120 months?

21 MR. ADAMS: Objection, relevance.

22 THE COURT: Overruled.

23 Q. Is that correct?

24 A. I am sorry. Can you repeat the question?

25 Q. Yes.

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1 A. They gave me what?

2 Q. If you could look at Defense 601.

3 A. You can just repeat the question if you don't mind.

4 Q. The government told you at that time in a letter that your
5 guideline range according to them is 97 to 121 months?

6 A. That sounds correct.

7 Q. And in January of 2015 you entered into a cooperation
8 agreement with the government; right?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Is that something that the government showed you when you
11 were here last week?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. My colleague just reminded me 97 to 121 months, that is a
14 guideline range for how much prison you should get for this
15 crime; correct?

16 A. It is a prison guideline. That's correct.

17 Q. So in January 2015 when you entered the cooperation
18 agreement, at that time you pled guilty again?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And at that time you pled guilty to three federal crimes?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. This time the maximum sentence is 60 years?

23 A. I believe so.

24 Q. 20 years each?

25 A. Okay.

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1 Q. And in that letter, in the cooperation letter in evidence
2 in evidence, the government does not state any guidelines
3 range, does it?

4 A. I can't -- I don't know whether it states the guideline
5 range. I don't know it by heart. If you say it doesn't, I
6 believe you. I have no idea.

7 Q. Would you like to review it?

8 A. No. That is what I am saying. If you say that it doesn't
9 have one in there, then it doesn't have one in. I just cannot
10 say right now.

11 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, we can stipulate there is no
12 guidelines agreement set forth in the cooperation agreement.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 Q. The government in your cooperation agreement has agreed to
15 write a letter to Judge Rakoff on your behalf when you are
16 sentenced?

17 THE COURT: Counsel, come to the side bar.

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1 (At the side bar)

2 THE COURT: I thought as an experienced counsel,
3 defense counsel knew that you should never refer to which judge
4 is going to be the sentencing judge.

5 MS. CHAUDHRY: Oh, my God. I am really sorry.

6 THE COURT: That is something that is forbidden.

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: I am sorry.

8 THE COURT: What is done is done. Why don't you
9 rephrase the question.

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: I am sorry.

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1 (In open court; jury present)

2 MS. CHAUDHRY: Withdraw the question.

3 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

4 Q. In your cooperation agreement, the government has agreed to
5 write a letter to the sentencing judge on your behalf if you
6 provide substantial assistance; correct?

7 A. Well, they would do that if I told the truth. So I
8 don't -- I don't know that about substantial assistance.

9 MS. CHAUDHRY: The government stipulates that your
10 cooperation agreement states that the letter would be written
11 by them in exchange for substantial assistance?

12 THE COURT: Are you planning to offer it?

13 MS. CHAUDHRY: It is in.

14 THE COURT: It is already in evidence?

15 MS. CHAUDHRY: Yes.

16 THE COURT: So it speaks for itself in this regard.

17 MR. ADAMS: Thank you.

18 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

19 Q. Your cooperation deal, it has a maximum sentence of 60
20 years, but there is no mandatory minimum sentence, is there?

21 A. I am not -- I am not sure.

22 MS. CHAUDHRY: Can we please put up the cooperation
23 agreement.

24 A. Again, if you say that it doesn't, I mean --

25 MR. ADAMS: There is no question pending. Objection

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1 to the last statement and move to strike.

2 THE COURT: Granted.

3 So do you want to put up the cooperation agreement?

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: Yes. I need the government to do it
5 for me.

6 Q. I draw your attention to the second paragraph where the
7 last sentence says, The total maximum sentence of incarceration
8 on all counts is 60 years' imprisonment; correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. There is no mandatory minimum sentence listed here?

11 A. Not listed, no.

12 Q. Is it your understanding there is a mandatory minimum
13 sentence that you are looking at?

14 A. I don't know if there is a mandatory minimum sentence or
15 not. You asked if it is listed. I said it is not listed so --

16 Q. When you pled guilty pursuant to this cooperation
17 agreement --

18 THE COURT: Just so we don't spend too much time on
19 this and so the jury understands, first of all, there is no
20 mandatory minimums that apply in a fraud case including this
21 one. Secondly, every federal criminal statute has a maximum
22 and a judge can sentence anyone anywhere up to the maximum.
23 But judges are given guidelines, which they don't have to
24 follow, but they are guidelines, not mandatory requirements.
25 So when you heard a reference in his first letter to -- I

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1 should say in the government's letter at his first plea to a
2 guideline range, that is something that a sentencing court may
3 consider but it is not bound by. If the government in
4 connection with a cooperation agreement sends a letter to the
5 judge asking for credit for the cooperation, that takes you
6 outside the guidelines but the judge can then give whatever
7 sentence he or she wants. It is up to the judge.

8 So let's move forward.

9 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

10 Q. This cooperation agreement contains the only three crimes
11 you pled guilty to in connection with this; correct?

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 Q. You agree that in committing these crimes that you were
14 impersonating your father; right?

15 A. I do.

16 Q. And that you pretended to be him?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You did not have to plead guilty to aggravated identity
19 theft as part of this deal, did you?

20 A. That wasn't one of my charges, no.

21 Q. You did not have to plead guilty to aggravated identity
22 theft of your mother, did you?

23 A. I did not.

24 Q. Even though you impersonated her?

25 A. I didn't.

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1 Q. You did not have to plead guilty to aggravated identity
2 theft of Shirley Franklin, did you?

3 A. Did not.

4 Q. You did not have to plead guilty to aggravated identity
5 theft of Mark Weinberg whom you spoofed, did you?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. You did not have to plead guilty to aggravated identity
8 theft of Brent Watson on whose behalf you sent a bunch of
9 e-mails; correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. Nor for Roderick Jones?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. You didn't have to plead to aggravated identity theft for
14 John Milligan, the president of Target?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Or to the president of Comcast Cable?

17 A. Correct.

18 MR. ADAMS: Objection. 401, 403. It is stipulated he
19 did not have to plead guilty to identity theft in this
20 document.

21 THE COURT: I think the jury has picked up on the
22 point.

23 Q. You admitted that you had made false statements to the
24 government while you were meeting with them but you didn't
25 plead guilty to making -- you didn't plead guilty to making

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1 false statements to the government, did you?

2 A. I did not.

3 Q. The MBA fraud was committed while you were on parole;
4 right?

5 A. I believe so.

6 Q. And you did not have to plead guilty to a parole violation,
7 did you?

8 A. No, I didn't.

9 Q. You paid someone named Kevin Leon to make fake insurance
10 documents, didn't you?

11 A. That was through Eric Flewellyn.

12 Q. You didn't plead guilty to insurance fraud, did you?

13 A. I didn't.

14 Q. And your wife who impersonated your mother, she didn't have
15 to plead guilty to anything, did she?

16 A. No.

17 Q. And you did not have to plead guilty to obstruction of
18 justice for any of the lies you told the government, did you?

19 A. I did not.

20 Q. You did not have to plead guilty to create a tax return for
21 Reign, did you?

22 A. No, ma'am.

23 Q. As part of your cooperation agreement, you got a pass on
24 all this other behavior; right?

25 A. I believe --

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1 MR. ADAMS: Objection.

2 THE COURT: As phrased sustained.

3 Q. Isn't it the case that you have not had to plead guilty for
4 any of the other crimes you told the government you committed?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Now, Mr. Darden, you testified earlier that you consulted
7 your father on business deals because you valued his expertise;
8 correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Did you consult him before you entered this cooperation
11 deal with the government?

12 A. I did not.

13 Q. Have you seen him since your arrest?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. You have been to his house at least twice?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And stayed with him?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. As far as he know, does he know that you plead guilty?

20 A. You know, my father and I never spoke about it. My mother
21 knows. I am sure she told my father. My mother and I have
22 never spoken about it.

23 Q. You discussed these pending lawsuits with him against him?

24 A. Some.

25 Q. Mr. Darden, the three and a half years that you spent in

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1 jail, you said you didn't like that; right?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. Did you spend some of that time in solitary confinement
4 also?

5 A. I did.

6 Q. That means you were locked up 23 hours a day?

7 A. I was locked up what?

8 Q. Alone 23 hours a day?

9 A. One time I was alone. The other times, no.

10 Q. And right now as this plea agreement states for the three
11 frauds that you have pled guilty to, you are looking up to 60
12 years; correct?

13 A. Yes, ma'am.

14 Q. As you sit here right now, you are not in jail, are you?

15 A. No. I am not in jail right now.

16 Q. You've been out of custody since March of 2014?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Even though you pled guilty twice on November 2014 and
19 January 2015; right?

20 A. Yes. I am out on bail.

21 Q. Right now you are free to go wherever you want within this
22 district; right?

23 MR. ADAMS: Objection. Asked and answered.

24 THE COURT: Sustained.

25 Q. You can see whomever you want right now; correct?

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1 A. Yes. I would say yes.

2 Q. You can sleep in your own bed; right?

3 A. I can.

4 Q. With the government's agreement you can go to Atlanta;
5 right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you don't want to go back to jail, do you?

8 A. Do not.

9 Q. You're hoping that at the time you are sentenced that you
10 do not get jail time; right?

11 A. Of course.

12 Q. And it is the government who is going to write that letter
13 at the time of your sentencing, isn't it?

14 A. With conditions. So maybe, maybe not. That is for them to
15 decide.

16 Q. One of the things the government has asked you to do is
17 testify in this case against Mr. Newkirk?

18 A. Correct.

19 THE COURT: Very good.

20 Redirect.

21 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, may I approach?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MS. CHAUDHRY:

25 Q. Mr. Darden, do you recall on cross-examination earlier

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1 today you were asked some questions about a letter that was
2 drafted to an entity called Starbright Media?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I have handed you what I marked as Government Exhibit 2004.

5 Do you recognize that document?

6 A. I do.

7 Q. What is it?

8 A. It's an e-mail from Harvey to me.

9 Q. What is the date?

10 A. June 15th, 2013.

11 Q. And do you recognize 2005?

12 A. I am sorry. Do I recognize what?

13 Q. Government Exhibit 2005 also in your hand?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What is that?

16 A. Again, an e-mail from Harvey Newkirk to me.

17 Q. What, if anything, appeared to be attached to 2005?

18 A. The Starbright Media agreement -- marked up agreement.

19 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, the government offers Exhibit
20 2004 and 2005.

21 MS. CHAUDHRY: No objection.

22 THE COURT: Received.

23 (Government's Exhibits 2004 and 2005 received in
24 evidence)

25 BY MR. ADAMS:

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1 Q. Mr. Darden, I apologize but I don't have this prepared to
2 put up on the screen. But if you wouldn't mind -- well, we do
3 have it.

4 Would you please read the top e-mail here from
5 Mr. Newkirk to you?

6 A. It says, Needs to be revised why Starbright named as
7 possible acquirer. In the prior document did we use Reign or
8 Darden Media Group? I can't remember. Harvey K. Newkirk.

9 Q. Did there come a type that the Starbright Media letter was
10 revised by Mr. Newkirk?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Is that what is attached to Exhibit 2005?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Were you shown that on cross-examination?

15 A. I was not.

16 Q. Will you please turn to the exhibit or the attachment to
17 2005. Can we please turn to the signature block. Can you
18 please describe how, if at all, these signature blocks for your
19 father's signature has been altered by Mr. Newkirk?

20 A. It was taken out, crossed out and replaced with The Reign
21 Entertainment Group, LLC.

22 Q. What is the name that appears there as the new managing
23 member for Reign, LLC?

24 A. Calvin R. Darden Senior.

25 Q. Is there such a person as Calvin R. Darden Senior?

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1 A. There is not.

2 Q. In the course of the Maxim deal, did you ever discuss the
3 use of the name Calvin R. Darden Senior with Mr. Newkirk?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. Can you describe that conversation for us?

6 A. Again, it was discussed because that person doesn't exist
7 it would potentially provide cover to my father and just make
8 it ambiguous.

9 Q. When you say provide cover for your father, in what event
10 were you anticipating that your father would need covered?

11 A. So in the event that somebody said, Hey -- in an event like
12 this really where somebody just would be able to say -- I would
13 be able to say, Listen, I signed that or that was me. So that
14 is how I provided the cover.

15 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, may I approach?

16 Q. Mr. Darden, I've handed you what has been marked for
17 identification as Government Exhibit 2007.

18 Do you recognize that document?

19 A. I do.

20 Q. What is it?

21 A. It's an e-mail from Harvey to me.

22 Q. What is the date?

23 A. October 10th, 2013.

24 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, the government offers
25 Government Exhibit 2007.

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 MS. CHAUDHRY: No objection.

2 THE COURT: Received.

3 (Government's Exhibit 2007 received in evidence)

4 BY MR. ADAMS:

5 Q. Mr. Darden, do you recall earlier on cross-examination you
6 were asked some questions by Ms. Chaudhry regarding the
7 Roderick Jones e-mails that appear at the bottom of this
8 exhibit that you then forwarded on to Mr. Newkirk?

9 A. I did. I do.

10 Q. Were you shown this exhibit on cross-examination?

11 A. I was not.

12 Q. The reference that Mr. Newkirk makes to having a
13 discussion, what was it that he was looking forward to
14 discussing with you?

15 MS. CHAUDHRY: Objection, speculation.

16 THE COURT: Sustained.

17 Q. Mr. Darden, the reference below to "my father's bank
18 statement from B of A," is that the same Bank of America
19 statement that we've been discussing throughout this trial?

20 A. It is.

21 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, may I approach?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 What you just gave me was the same exhibit.

24 MR. ADAMS: I apologize. 2006.

25 THE COURT: Go ahead.

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 Q. Mr. Darden, do you recall being asked some questions on
2 cross-examination regarding the fake personal financial
3 statement?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. That you used in the course of the Maxim deal?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Do you recall being asked some questions about who actually
8 put in information into the personal financial statement?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Do you recognize what has been marked as Government
11 Exhibit 2006?

12 A. I do.

13 Q. What is it?

14 A. It's an e-mail from -- at the top it is an e-mail from
15 Harvey to me and a couple more people CC'd on it.

16 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, the government offers Exhibit
17 2006.

18 MS. CHAUDHRY: No objection.

19 THE COURT: Received.

20 (Government's Exhibit 2006 received in evidence)

21 BY MR. ADAMS:

22 Q. Mr. Darden, the reference in the third e-mail from the top,
23 the e-mail from Mr. Newkirk to your G-Mail account and some
24 other people reads, Does the PFS from the fourth service
25 request full PFS.

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 Does the reference PFS from before a reference to a
2 personal financial statement of your father?

3 A. It is.

4 Q. What is it in the top e-mail that Mr. Newkirk is asking of
5 you?

6 MS. CHAUDHRY: Objection. Speculation, the document
7 speaks for itself.

8 THE COURT: Which line are you talking about now?

9 MR. ADAMS: I am asking if he had an understanding of
10 what was being required or requested on the question from
11 Mr. Newkirk.

12 THE COURT: I understand that is your question, but
13 which line are you referring to specifically?

14 MR. ADAMS: Sorry. Other than the brokerage report is
15 how it starts.

16 THE COURT: Do you have a sense of which areas he
17 needs more detail on.

18 Sustained.

19 Q. Mr. Darden, were you shown this exhibit on
20 cross-examination?

21 A. I was not.

22 Q. Mr. Darden, you were asked a number of questions about
23 prior crimes, prior frauds that you committed. With respect to
24 the MBA fraud, for example, did you discuss that with the
25 government?

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 A. I have.

2 Q. Have you previously told the government about various fake
3 documents that Ms. Chaudhry asked you about on
4 cross-examination?

5 A. I have.

6 Q. Have you talked with the government about the Live Nation
7 Comedy tour that we heard about on cross?

8 A. I have.

9 Q. Did you close the Live Nation Comedy tour deal?

10 A. I did not.

11 Q. Did you close any of the MBA deals?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did you tell the government about those frauds before or
14 after your cooperation agreement?

15 A. Before.

16 Q. Since entering into a cooperation agreement with the
17 government, have you lied to the government?

18 A. I have not.

19 Q. You talked about lying to the government in the first
20 meeting that you had back in 2014.

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Why did you lie in that first meeting?

23 A. You know, honesty, man, I think -- I think I was
24 delusional. Got caught up in my own lies. Really just kind of
25 minimizing. It is hard to say. That's basically it

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 unfortunately.

2 Q. Did you correct the lies in subsequent meetings?

3 A. I did.

4 Q. Did you after that meeting meet with the government on
5 multiple occasions?

6 A. I did.

7 Q. Did you meet with the government on multiple occasions
8 before ever getting a cooperation agreement?

9 A. I did.

10 Q. In speaking of your cooperation, what are you required to
11 do under that agreement?

12 A. Tell the truth.

13 Q. And it is your hope to receive what is called a 5K1 letter;
14 right?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. And what is your understanding about the information that
17 the government provides to the sentencing judge in connection
18 with that 5K1 letter?

19 A. My understanding is that it provides, you know, good
20 information as well as the bad. So I guess my extended
21 cooperation as well as past misdeeds.

22 Q. When you say "past misdeeds," is it your expectation that
23 the government will leave out information about fake documents
24 that you were cross-examined on?

25 A. No.

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 Q. Is it your expectation that the government is going to
2 leave out the MBA --

3 MS. CHAUDHRY: Objection, leading.

4 THE COURT: Well, I think it has to be in this form
5 because these are questions designed to obtain a negative. So
6 overruled.

7 A. I am sorry. Can you repeat the question?

8 Q. Is it your expectation that the government will leave out
9 information about the MBA?

10 A. Not my expect.

11 Q. Is it your expectation that the government will leave out
12 information about the Live Nation Comedy?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. Is it your expectation that the government will leave out
15 information about any of the fraudulent documents that you've
16 reviewed with Ms. Chaudhry today?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. Are there any promises in your cooperation agreement
19 whatsoever regarding your wife?

20 A. There are not.

21 Q. Are there any promises in your cooperation agreement
22 regarding the government's treatment of any one else?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. What happens to your cooperation agreement if you lie on
25 the stand today?

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 A. It gets ripped up.

2 Q. What effect, if any, does Harvey Newkirk's conviction or
3 acquittal have on your cooperation agreement?

4 MS. CHAUDHRY: Objection.

5 A. None.

6 THE COURT: Ground?

7 MS. CHAUDHRY: The document speaks for itself. He is
8 referring to the cooperation agreement.

9 THE COURT: No. I think he is asking for his
10 understanding, and with that the objection is overruled.

11 A. No.

12 Q. Do you get any added benefit if Harvey Newkirk is
13 convicted?

14 MS. CHAUDHRY: Objection.

15 THE COURT: What is your understanding in that regard?

16 THE WITNESS: Are you asking me?

17 THE COURT: Yes. I could ask the man on the moon, but
18 I thought I would ask you.

19 THE WITNESS: Whether he is convicted or not has no
20 affect on my agreement or sentencing for that matter.

21 Q. Who ultimately gets to determine your sentence, the
22 government or a sentencing judge?

23 A. The sentencing judge.

24 Q. Mr. Darden, when did you first meet Mr. Newkirk?

25 A. Probably end of 2008, beginning of 2009.

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 Q. Was that shortly after you were released from prison?

2 A. It was.

3 Q. At the time that you met Mr. Newkirk, did you discuss your
4 recent prison stint?

5 A. I did.

6 MS. CHAUDHRY: Objection. Outside the scope.

7 THE COURT: Overruled.

8 Q. What did you tell Mr. Newkirk at the time about your prior
9 conviction?

10 MS. CHAUDHRY: Objection. Asked and answered in his
11 first direct.

12 THE COURT: Overruled.

13 A. I told him, you know, what I went to jail for, how long I
14 did, that I just came home basically.

15 Q. What, if anything, did you describe about the circumstances
16 of the investment fraud conviction Ms. Chaudhry asked you
17 about?

18 A. Repeat that question.

19 Q. What, if anything, did you describe to Mr. Newkirk at the
20 time that you were first meeting him about the circumstances of
21 your investment fraud conviction?

22 A. The circumstances of the investment fraud conviction. I am
23 not real -- I am not really sure. I am not sure. What the
24 circumstances -- I don't know that I really understand the
25 question.

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 Q. Sure.

2 A. The circumstances under which I was locked up?

3 Q. Did you tell him the crimes you had been convicted for?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. Now, Ms. Chaudhry showed you a number of e-mails in which
6 you impersonated your mother.

7 Do you recall those e-mails?

8 A. I do.

9 MR. ADAMS: Please pull up Defense Exhibit 421,
10 please.

11 Q. Do you have that in front of you, sir?

12 A. I do.

13 Q. You sent this e-mail to Harvey Newkirk; correct?

14 A. I did.

15 Q. And you sent it from an e-mail account that impersonated
16 your mother?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Was it your intention to fool Mr. Newkirk with this e-mail?

19 A. It wasn't.

20 Q. What did you intend Mr. Newkirk to do with this e-mail?

21 A. That was going to be sent to the McMahons. So this came
22 from a request that the McMahon lawyers had made through Harvey
23 to Harvey and then Harvey related to me. So it was going to --
24 this was going to them through Harvey.

25 MR. ADAMS: And if you zoom in on the bottom of the

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 e-mail here, John, good afternoon.

2 Q. This is an e-mail you wrote?

3 A. It is.

4 Q. Do you see the reference in the third line where you say, I
5 have statements from Bank of America?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. And as well as Fidelity; is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What Bank of America statement is this a reference to?

10 A. The same --

11 MS. CHAUDHRY: Objection. He just testified this is a
12 fake e-mail. It's a lie.

13 THE COURT: Overruled.

14 A. The same Bank of America statements that we talked about.

15 Q. What is the date on that e-mail?

16 A. December 20th, 2013.

17 Q. Is that before or after Mark Weinberg had alerted
18 Mr. Newkirk to these fake statements?

19 A. After.

20 MS. CHAUDHRY: Objection.

21 THE COURT: Ground.

22 MS. CHAUDHRY: Calls for speculation of when Mr.
23 Weinberg and Mr. --

24 THE COURT: Sustained.

25 Q. Mr. Darden, did you and Mr. Newkirk previously before this

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 e-mail discuss whether or not Mr. Weinberg had noticed that the
2 Bank of America statements were fake?

3 A. We did.

4 Q. Approximately when was that?

5 A. Maybe a couple months before this.

6 Q. And was this e-mail that you sent to Mr. Newkirk
7 referencing the Bank of America statement, was that before or
8 after you and Mr. Newkirk had discussed what David Leveall whom
9 we discussed on direct had learned about the fakeness of these
10 Bank of America statements?

11 A. After.

12 Q. At the time that you sent this e-mail, had you already had
13 conversations with Mr. Newkirk regarding the account number for
14 the Bank of America statements?

15 A. We had.

16 Q. Had you already had conversations with Mr. Newkirk
17 regarding the almost entire overlap between the October and
18 September bank statements?

19 A. Yes.

20 THE COURT: I am sorry, counsel. Come to the side
21 bar, please.

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 (At the side bar)

2 THE COURT: I want to let the jury go for the day.

3 Just so I can give them a heads up as to our schedule, roughly
4 how much more redirect do you have?

5 MR. ADAMS: Half an hour.

6 THE COURT: Let's figure there may be some recross and
7 redirect. I don't expect that to be more than an hour and a
8 half. Sorry, a half hour. So an hour and a half altogether
9 for the redirect and recross.

10 Then you have some other witnesses?

11 MR. ADAMS: We do.

12 THE COURT: Roughly how long do you think that will
13 take?

14 MR. ADAMS: So we'll have everyone available tomorrow.
15 We're hopeful that we can finish tomorrow.

16 THE COURT: I think we're going to finish tomorrow. I
17 wanted to know whether we'll get beyond that or not. Do you
18 think that will take both the rest of the morning assuming
19 contrary to practice that we start at 9:00 and the whole
20 afternoon, too?

21 MR. ADAMS: Potentially the whole afternoon.

22 MS. PAUL: Because we do have five additional
23 witnesses. None of them are more than an hour on direct.

24 THE COURT: What I think I will tell the jury is the
25 government's case will conclude tomorrow.

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 MS. CHAUDHRY: Sorry. We have out-of-town witnesses
2 that we were hoping to call out of order because they are
3 planning to fly in for tomorrow afternoon.

4 THE COURT: I cannot do that. I cannot do that. We
5 need to finish the government's case. We need to have any
6 motions you want to make. We need to have the charging
7 conference.

8 MR. HARRIS: Okay.

9 THE COURT: We'll take them on Thursday. We'll need
10 to know from you by close of business tomorrow whether the
11 defendant is taking the stand. This will not be a binding
12 commitment. The government's case will be over and it is not
13 fair for the government for them not to know the night before
14 that he takes the stand. Consider that overnight.

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 (In open court; jury present)

2 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, here is the
3 schedule: We expect the government's case will end tomorrow.
4 After it ends, I have to take up all sorts of boring legal
5 stuff with the lawyers, which you are fortunately spared. That
6 will probably take whatever time is left tomorrow. On Thursday
7 the defendant is never required to call any witnesses, but they
8 may call witnesses. They will decide. If there are defense
9 witnesses, we'll start them on Thursday. If there are not
10 defense witnesses or if they don't take the whole day, then
11 we'll start closing arguments on Thursday. So I think the
12 likelihood is we'll sit a half day on Friday just from 9:00 to
13 12:00 and it will be that is the close of all the evidence. I
14 cannot guarantee that. You know the schedule for the next few
15 days. If we do go over to next week, and I am still modestly
16 hopeful that will not happen, it may happen, it will be because
17 I am -- and your deliberations will take whatever time you want
18 them to take, but we'll not sit on Monday. The schedule will
19 be in your hands not mine starting Tuesday.

20 So very good. So we'll see you tomorrow. I know it
21 is unfair for me to ask you to be here once again at 9:00. I
22 have no standing to make that request, but I am going to make
23 is anyway because you have a record that you have to fulfill.
24 See you tomorrow at 9:00.

25 (Jury excused)

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C.R. Darden - redirect

1 (In open court; jury not present)

2 THE COURT: Mr. Darden, you may step down and we'll
3 see you at 9:00 tomorrow.

4 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

5 (Witness excused)

6 THE COURT: Please be seated.

7 I will mention one quick thing given the side bar. If
8 the government's case finishes before the afternoon is over
9 tomorrow and the defense wants to put on its out-of-town
10 witnesses rather than have them go over to Thursday and we
11 still have time before 5:00, I am perfectly happy to take up
12 the motion practice later so to speak rather than do it as we
13 normally do it right at the close of the government's case. I
14 would offer that as a little bit of an option to the defense.
15 I don't know where we'll be.

16 Very good. We'll see you tomorrow.

17 (Adjourned to December 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.)
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